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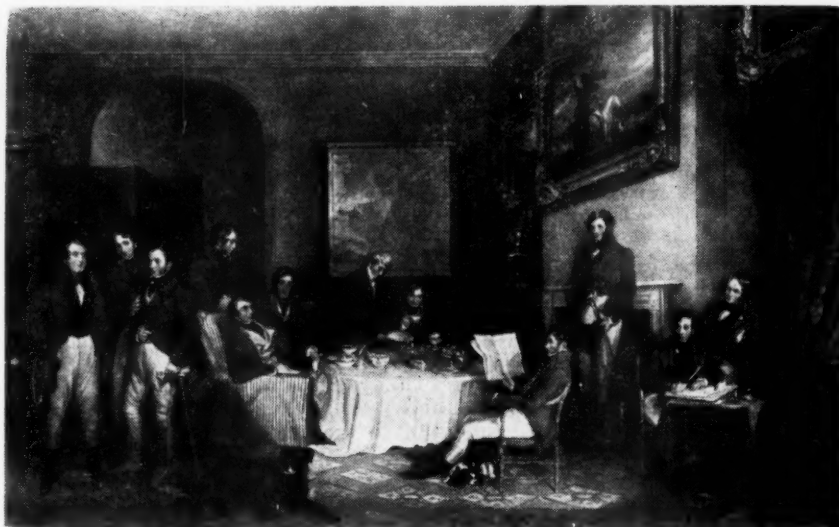
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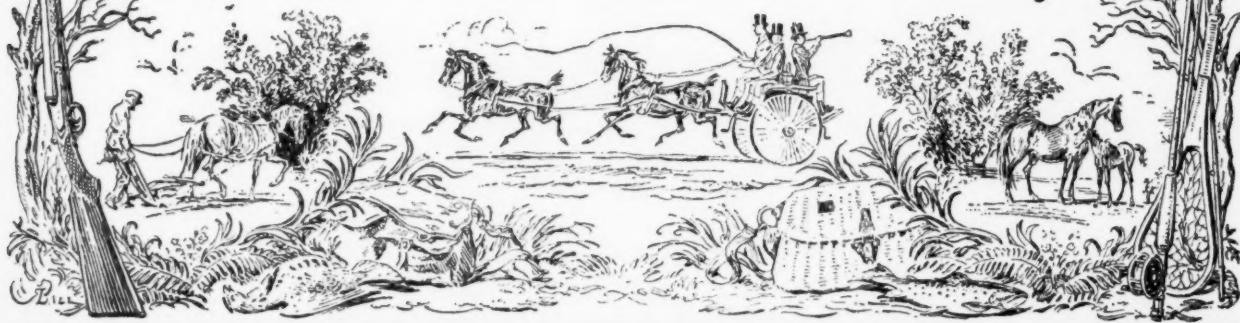
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Sir Francis Grant, P.R.A.  
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### THE BLUE BIRDSEYE STOCK

Next to the relative merits of English and American hounds, the most controversial subject known to foxhunters is the matter of dress. Whether at covertside or at a hunt breakfast any gathering of the clan will be plunged into instant and heated argument if anyone is so incautious as to mention such things as the color of coats, collars, breeches or boot tops; the right to wear scarlet, hunt buttons and caps; or the way to wear and carry spurs, boot garters, cap ribbons, and hunting crops. The columns of The Chronicle have been enlivened in the past by several controversies of the sort. Because there has been relatively little action in this department during recent months, however, we hereby toss into the ring the blue birdseye stock.

The combatants are usually divided into two general camps, those who think that foxhunters are too dressy and those who think that they are not dressy enough. The latter point out that the pageant of the chase is one of the few survivals of earlier and more colorful days and should be cherished as such; furthermore that it is eternally popular with great masses of people who have never even seen a hunt, but who nevertheless each year decorate their walls, calendars, Christmas cards and advertisements with countless pictures of fox-hunting.

The former argue—and with equal point—that a pink coated field, at least in this country, discourages participation by many good foxhunters who cannot afford to purchase such clothes and would be slightly embarrassed to wear them if they could. They do not suggest that the hunt uniform should be anything but neat and workmanlike, but that it should bear a closer relationship to the ordinary outdoor clothes of the present day. Actually 19 of our hunts do not have a scarlet livery. The President of the M.F.H. Association turns his staff out in brown (Brandywine); 7 hunts have a grey uniform, oxford or melton, Camden, Chagrin Valley (members), Eagle Farms, Hazelmere, Montpelier, Pickering and Westmoreland; 6 turn out in green, Aiken, Mr. Jeffords, Millwood, Monmouth County, Spring Valley and Tryon; 3 in blue, Beaufort, Genesee Valley and Groton; and 2 in black, Pine Tree and Rapidan.

To any Masters who consider the white stock either too formal or too impractical we suggest as an alternative the blue birdseye, white dots on a blue ground, often called by Haberdashers the polka dot pattern. For those who hark back to tradition there is ample precedent. On our cover this week we reproduce The Melton Breakfast, painted by Sir Francis Grant, P.R.A. in 1839. It portrays the members and guests of the Old Club at Melton Mowbray in Leicestershire, the most exclusive club of the most popular hunting center of the world

at a time when foxhunting was the most fashionable of sports, in fact when not to be a foxhunter was considered "slow". It will be noted that only the butler is wearing a white stock. All the gentlemen present, dressed in the height of fashion, are wearing blue birdseye stocks, a custom which has never quite been given up in certain of the older hunting countries.

The material is easy and inexpensive to buy. A piece 64 inches long and 8½ inches wide is folded lengthwise four ways, tied around the neck with a square knot, the long end brought under, unfolded so that it spreads out and covers the knot, and secured with a plain gold safety pin. It makes a stock which is formal, unobtrusive, practical, and becoming, both with pink and black coats, as much to-day as in the Golden Age of foxhunting.

## Letters To The Editor

### Plea

Dear Sir:

I wonder if it would be possible to enter a plea in your "Letters to the Editor" column. We would like to obtain a well-bred Arabian stallion preferably chestnut (or bay) to use for breeding purposes, to train for equitation exhibitions and to use to instruct in equitation classes. We'd like him to be 15 hands. As we can't seem to afford the prices asked, I had the happy thought that someone who has use for other than Arabians might possibly want to place one in a good home or trade for one of those I have advertised in your Dec. 17 issue. The animal should be 3 or over, sound without disfiguring scars, and of the type which, when used at stud, would improve the breed as there are enough of the poor quality!

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Yours truly,

Mrs. Allen K. Elden

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Nashua, N. H.

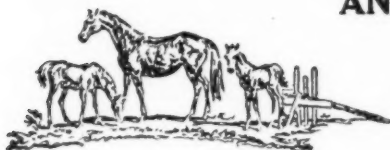
M. F. H.

December 27, 1954

Dear Sir:

In last weeks issue of the Chronicle Mr. Wilbur R. Hubbard in his article Two Days of Hunting with Mr. Stewart's Cheshire Foxhounds said that Mrs. John B. Hannum, 3rd is the only woman huntsman in the country that he knows of. Mrs. Henry S. Hall, Jr., Master of Millwood Hunt in Framingham, Massachusetts also trains and hunts her own hounds. I quite agree with Mr. Hubbard that many women are far better than most men. This can probably be attributed to the fact that they have more time to spend riding than do the men. But

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**BREEDING**

AND

# Racing

A SECTION  
DEVOTED TO THE INTERESTS  
OF THE TURF

**Racing Review**
**New World Record Set  
By \*Poona II At Santa Anita**
**Raleigh Burroughs**

There is a growing suspicion that our winters are becoming milder. I do not know whether it is supported by scientific findings, but almost anybody who remembers William Howard Taft will tell you about 18-inch snows and how they used to drive the team across the Severn River. There was sledding from the first of December until March, and to go skating all you had to do was sweep the snow off the ice. Around Christmas time a kid really had to watch his P's and Q's—those bells might signal a neighbor sleighing by or they might mean that one of Santa's stool pigeons was around checking up on the bad little boys.

Things are different now. I haven't seen a horse sleigh in Maryland for 30 years, and the bad little boys are quick to tell you that "there ain't no Santa Claus."

Of course, Laurel had a blizzard on November 6 two seasons back, but that was hailed as an act of Providence; it moved the Washington, D. C., International to (what was then) Armistice Day and a precedent was set that the track would like to make permanent.

Still, racetracks take no cognizance of winter.

Charles Town closed on December 18 and will open on February 9. Officially spring will arrive on March 21. Twelve days before winter bows out, Bowie will be back in business.

In Maryland, the anxiety to prevent conflict with New Jersey has become so intense that now the tracks are conflicting with Florida.

The fall and spring meetings have been creeping together gradually, and it seems only a matter of time until they meet. Major racing ceases on May 30 and begins again on October 28.

This leaves the summer open for water sports, the half-milers and the trotters.

In New York, the term of racing is confined by a law to the period between April Fool's Day and November 15, but the legislature meets every year and there is no telling what might happen. Jim Fitzsimmons remembers racing in a snowstorm up that way years back—when we used to have those old-fashioned winters.

**Santa Anita**

**San Fernando Stakes**, 4th running, 4-year-olds, 1 $\frac{1}{8}$  miles (January 15). Helbush Farms' **\*Poona II** ran away from the best four-year-olds in California in the San Fernando Stakes and set a new world record for a mile and a sixteenth. His figure of 1:40 $\frac{1}{5}$  trims one-fifth of a second off the old mark. That one

(1:41) was set at Golden Gate Fields by Count Speed, in 1947, and equaled by Imbros at Hollywood last year.

\*Poona II put up an American record for 1 $\frac{1}{8}$  miles on the grass on December 29, so he is proving his versatility as well as his speed.

In the San Fernando, Willie Shoemaker got off well with \*Poona II and soon was in the lead. He held the pace maker's position right to the wire and was 5 $\frac{1}{2}$  lengths before Calumet Farm's Miz Clementine at the end. Duke's Lea, stablemate of Miz Clementine, was third and Determine, fourth.

Determine carried 126 pounds and gave \*Poona II 14. Miz Clementine had 113 pounds up; Duke's Lea was under 112.

In the Santa Anita Handicap, Determine is scheduled to tote 129, while \*Poona II has an impost of 113. Miz Clementine gets 117, Duke's Lea 121. Look for the winter-book odds on Poona II to take a drop. He was held at 12 to 1 in the line issued on January 9. He paid \$11.90 in the San Fernando.

The Irish-bred son of Tudor Minstrel—Queen of Shiraz, by Bahram, is not eligible to the Santa Anita Maturity, and are the owners of the other horses glad!

In 1954, \*Poona II raced 9 times and finished first on three occasions, but he was disqualified after one of his wins, so his official placings are 2 firsts and 2 seconds. He earned \$13,500.

The San Fernando was the medium of his first 1955 start. That race was worth \$16,500 to Mr. H. H. Helbush proprietor of Helbush Farms.

The four-year-old was bred by H. H. the Aga Khan and his son Aly.

R. H. McDaniel, champion trainer, trains the chestnut colt.

**Los Feliz Stakes**, 3rd running, 7 furlongs, 3-year-old colts and geldings (January 12). The Los Feliz is conditioned for second-seasoners which have not won a stakes, so the public remembered what happened the week before in such a race and made the Calumet entry the favorite. This time it was Tollesboro, recent victor in an event for maidens, but he ran as though he didn't belong to Calumet, finishing tenth.

Taylorcrest Stable's **Battle Dance**, under E. Arcaro, took the \$11,500 prize. Postscript, Jean's Joe and Fabulous Vegas got the other money positions in the order named.

Battle Dance broke on top and fought it out all the way to the end with Postscript. The latter took the lead after

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a quarter and held it into the stretch. There he tired slightly. Battle Dance won by half a length.

Rough Cut offered some contention in the early furlongs but folded completely and dropped to the bottom when the real pressure came.

Jean's Joe, running around the curve on the outside, finished well, but was beaten two lengths by the place horse. Six lengths farther back was Fabulous Vegas.

Third choice in the race, Battle Dance paid \$16.50. The son of Bolero, from Bimelech's daughter, War Ribbon, made his first 1955 start in the Los Feliz.

He ran 10 times last season winning 2 races, finishing second once and third 3 times. His earnings totaled \$12,530.

J. Taylor is the trainer for Taylorcrest Stable.

Battle Dance was bred by Crown Crest Farm. He brought \$19,000 in the Keeneland Sales in 1953.

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## Year-End Statistics From The Irish Racing Scene

Philip de Burger-OBrien

The season of 1954 was hampered by exceptional rainy conditions, which incidentally, through severe flooding in several districts, inflicted hardships and losses on the agricultural community. This had its repercussions on racing generally.

Four of the 147 fixtures arranged by the Racing Board were abandoned and one cancelled by the governing bodies. Seven race meetings were held on the Northern Ireland tracks at Down Royal and Downpatrick, where the totalisator is not operated nor is the levy (2½%) collected on course bets. In all, stakes value of the meeting held totalled £271,648, compared with £274,085 in 1953.

Point-To-Point Meetings were also curtailed due to unfavorable weather. The popular Carlow fixture was abandoned to avoid interference with Tillage in the hunting district. Excluding the Northern area, 65 meetings were held for stakes value £8,910. In addition, 34 long distance steeplechases run on the regular tracks were confined to horses hunted and run at Point-to-Point meetings during the year. Prize money allotted to these events was £7,370.

Almost alone among major sporting organizations in Ireland or abroad, the Racing Board has not permitted any increase in admission charges operative since the start of 1953. In fact, in most instances reductions have been effected by opening car parks free, on 23 of the 30 courses, and by insistence on executives, who hold five or more race meet-

ings during the year, providing annual badges at substantially reduced rates.

Despite the reduced number of meetings, there was an increase in the turnover of the totalisator. In 1954 it returned the record figure of £1,951,314 which beat the old 1953 of £1,937,314, by £13,568 pounds. It is estimated that the "Books", course and off-course, did between four and five times more business than did the machine. Under the Irish system, this is taxable and a high proportion finds its way back into racing.

Individual horses which ran at race meetings in 1954 totalled 2,010 compared with 1,949 in 1954, and the number of starters totaling 10,430, showed an increase of 607 over the 1953 figure. Classified, the following categories read:

Hurdles—2,419 starters; average per race 13. Steeplechases—2,076; 10. Corinthians—1,434; 15. 2-year-olds—1,267; 12. Other flat races—3,173; 11. Classics—61; 12.

### Value of "Flat" categories in 1954

2-year-olds—40,364 stakes; 108 races; average 374. Other Flat events—87,694; 293; 299. Classics—29,001; 5; 5,800 pounds.

### Classic Races of 1954

Contributions by owners to the Classics and the added monies by the Racing Board and Turf Club, are shown hereunder.

2,000 Guineas, value 5,185; contributed by owners 3,085; added by the authorities 2,100. 1,000 Guineas, 3,246; 2-196; 1,050. Derby, 9,570; 5,570; 4,000. Oaks, 5,735; 3,735; 2,000. St. Leger, 5-265; 3,265; 2,000 pounds sterling.

### Entries For '55 Classics

These are lower in 1955 than in 1953. Of these, 70% were made in Ireland; 17% made in England and 13% in France.

During 1954 the number of horses de-

clared to run and which failed to compete in stated events was 4.6% of the total.

### Photo-Finish Camera

Photo equipment, made in Dublin, to the Board's specifications, has been in use since March, 1954, and results obtained have been satisfactory. Based on established photographic principles successfully applied to race finish photography in many countries, the cameras are in no way revolutionary in design. The only departure from standard practice has been the provision of an extensive range of high speed lenses and accessories to facilitate photography under the generally foggy conditions prevailing in the Emerald Isle. Provision of mains electricity on secondary courses has been a major obstacle to the general use of the camera. Investigations are now being made in the claims of a Continental firm for providing perfected equipment which will obviate (it is claimed) the existing camera towers and mains electricity. Should the new system be found suitable an early extension of the camera to ALL courses is probable. A suggestion to apply stereoscopic photography to race finishes is not considered desirable as it would involve the use of twin lenses and of elaborate projection and viewing equipment which, apart from introducing the possibility of error, would cause undue delay in taking and reading photographs.

### Timing of Irish Races

Tests carried out since the Autumn on racecourses having proved satisfactory, official timing will be in general operation at all meetings in 1955. This, happily, will bring us into line with countries like the U. S. and Australia where the "Time" is part of the race reading.

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## \*JOHN CONSTABLE

By the country's leading sire of 2-year-olds  
Out of the dam of the leading English  
filly Musidora

\*John Constable by \*Nasrullah—Painted  
ch., 1949

Vale by Gainsborough



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## Distaff Big Three

### Delaware Park Ads Championship Series For Fillies and Mares To Sporting Calendar

Frey Hayden

The story of Thoroughbred Racing in America this year will include a significant and glamorous new chapter, contributed by Delaware Park. Fitting into the turf calendar in perfect sequence will be Delaware's "Distaff Big Three"—a championship series of rich events to be run at a time ideal for attracting the outstanding fillies and mares. The Derby, Preakness and Belmont will have been decided; juveniles will be awaiting their best shots in the fall, and older male stars likewise will make their final titular bids in late season.

Breeders and owners of fillies and mares throughout the country welcomed and acclaimed the recent announcement of Donald P. Ross, President of Delaware Park, which revealed creation of the Distaff Big Three series, one unmatched anywhere. The sequence will be offered on the final three Saturdays of the meeting, consisting of:

The Delaware Oaks, three-year-old fillies, 1½ miles, estimated gross \$50,000 including \$35,000 added, Saturday, June 18;

The "new" New Castle, fillies and mares, 1½ miles, estimated gross \$30,000 including \$25,000 added, Saturday, June 25;

The newly-named Delaware Handicap, fillies and mares, 1½ miles, estimated gross \$150,000 to \$175,000 including added money of at least \$110,000. (This includes new nominator-breeder awards of \$10,000 which, under a bonus arrangement, could become \$20,000 or \$30,000 contingent upon a filly or mare running in either or both the Oaks and New Castle; thus, the added money could hit \$130,000), Saturday, July 2.

In 1953, the "old" New Castle Handicap was made a \$100,000 added, mile and a quarter championship race—the richest in the world for fillies and mares. It will now be the even richer Delaware Handicap, but there will remain a New Castle stake under revised conditions in the unrivalled new sequence.

At the time the "old" New Castle was made the first "hundred-grander" for distaff racers, many famous trainers such as Horatio Luro, George Odom, Bert Mulholland, Jim Ryan, Preston Burch and others noted for developing female racers joined with breeders and owners in this observation: that the early July date, along with the distance of a mile and a quarter and the unprecedented value, combined to make Delaware's top race ideal for a championship test. Establishment of the "Distaff Big Three" means the earning powers and potential broodmare value of the lady Thoroughbreds have hit a new high level long deserved and desired.

To appreciate how perfectly the dates of Delaware's big three sequence fit into the nation's filly-and-mare schedule, one has only to glance at the following list of major distaff stakes which preceded July the past season. (The 1955 schedules were far from complete at this writing, hence 1954 is used. The list includes only stakes which carried added money of \$20,000 and upward):

**January** (in order of running)—Santa Anita's Las Flores Handicap, \$20,000, F. and M., 6 furlongs; Santa Anita's Santa Maria Handicap, \$20,000, F & M., 7 furlongs; Santa Anita's Santa Margarita

Handicap, \$50,000, F & M, 1½ miles.

**February**—Santa Anita's Santa Susana Handicap, \$20,000, 3-y-o-F, one mile.

**March**—Hialeah's Black Helen Handicap, \$25,000, F & M, 1½ miles; Gulfstream Park's Florida Oaks, \$35,000, 3-y-o-f, mile and 70 yards.

**April**—Jamaica's Prioress, \$20,000, 3-y-o-F, 6 furlongs; Bay Meadows' San Mateo Matron Handicap, \$20,000, F & M, 1½ miles; Churchill Downs' Kentucky Oaks, \$25,000, 3-y-o-f, 1½ miles.

**May**—Belmont Park's Acorn Stakes, \$20,000, 3-y-o-F, one mile; Garden State Park's Betsy Ross Stakes, \$30,000, 3-y-o-F, 6 furlongs; Pimlico's Black Eyed Susan Stakes, \$20,000, 3-y-o-F, 1½ miles; Hollywood Park's Ramona Handicap, \$25,000, F & M, 6 furlongs; Belmont's Coaching Club American Oaks, \$50,000, 3-y-o-F, 1½ miles; Garden State Park's Colonial Handicap, \$30,000, F & M, 6 furlongs.

**June**—Hollywood Park's Sea Breeze Stakes, \$20,000, 3-y-o-F, 7 furlongs; Belmont's Top Flight Handicap, \$25,000, F & M, 1½ miles; Monmouth Park's Regret Handicap, \$20,000, F & M, 6 furlongs; Hollywood Park's Hollywood Oaks, \$25,000, 3-y-o-F, 1½ miles; Monmouth Park's Molly Pitcher Handicap, \$25,000, F & M, 1½ miles; Aqueduct's Distaff Handicap, \$25,000, F & M, 7 furlongs.

While some minor changes may be forthcoming in these and many other

lesser events in 1955, the foregoing list affords a comprehensive picture of the distaff opportunities culminating in the Delaware offerings.

The far-reaching effect of the Distaff Big Three announcement was reflected down in Florida not long afterward. Hialeah's Black Helen Handicap closed with an all-time high of 61 nominations, further evidence of the increasing popularity of filly-and-mare racing contributed to so largely by Delaware's major moves. In 1954, Gainsboro Girl captured two big stakes, the Black Helen and the New Castle—the latter having its richest renewal with a \$138,400 gross and \$101,800 net to the winner.

Here is how Delaware's new nominator-breeder award works out:

Nominator and breeder of the Delaware Handicap winner, \$2,500 each; of the second horse, \$1,500 each; of the third horse, \$750 each; of the fourth horse, \$250 each. Total—\$10,000. In addition, if a filly or mare earning part of the award in the Delaware also had started in either the Oaks or New Castle, the amount is doubled. If a Delaware Handicap award winner had started in both the Oaks and New Castle, the amount is trebled.

"With a filly or mare, come to Delaware!"

#### Double Nomination

Following closely upon previous announcements about the "Distaff Big Three" the Delaware Oaks, "new" New Castle and Delaware Handicap—comes word of another innovation. It is a special winter double nomination blank, first of its kind, whereby the owner of a filly or mare can take advantage of a joint entry in both the New Castle and

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## The Experimental Free Handicap

With the completion of the 1954 Experimental Freen Handicap Frank E. Kilroe released his first set of weights which grades 114 of the nation's top 2-year-olds of 1954. These horses are graded not alone on the performances of their first season, but on how they stack up as potential classy 3-year-olds of 1955.

The first Experimental Free Handicap was issued back in 1933 the work of Walter Vosburgh, and due to his retirement, no weights were assigned the following season. However since that time there have been an unbroken chain of Experimentals from 1935 to 1953, all handled by the late "Dean of Handicappers" John Banks Campbell, with Frank E. Kilroe doing his first this year.

Top weight on the '54 Experimental was allotted by Mr. Kilroe to Mrs. Russell A. Firestone's Summer Tan (\*Heliopolis—Miss Zibby, by Omaha) with 128 pounds, a pound above his arch rival Belair Stud's Nashua (\*Nasrullah—Segula, by Johnstown). Clearwater Stable's Royal Coinage (Eight Thirty—Canina, by \*Bull Dog) stands next with 124 pounds.

Summer Tan and Nashua are the 8th and 9th horses to be honored with weight above the scale of 126 pounds. The first to be so honored was Col. E. R. Bradley's Bimelech (Black Toney—\*La Troienne, by \*Teddy) with 130 in 1939. Then followed Mrs. Albert Sabbath's mighty Alsat (Good Goods—Winds Chant, by Wildair) with the same poundage in 1941. The all-time high weight of all the Experimentals published was Mrs. John D. Hertz' great Count Fleet (Reigh Count—Quickly, by Haste) to which Mr. Campbell gave 132 pounds in 1942. Also on the '42 list was W. E. Boeing's Devil's Thumb (Grand Slam—Daintiness, by Blue Larkspur) at 127 pounds, 1 above the scale.

Three years elapsed before another above the scale allotment was made when John Campbell placed Maine Chance Farm's Lord Boswell (\*Boswell—Fantine, by Whichone) at 128 to head of the 1945 Handicap. In 1946 the C. V. Whitney's money-making filly First Flight (\*Mahmoud—Fly Swatter, by \*Dis Donc) was listed at 126 pounds, which when the 5 pound sex allowance is taken into consideration places her at 131 pounds, just under Count Fleet. The last horse to be honored with above the scale weight prior to Summer Tan and Nashua, was the outstanding grey of A. G. Vanderbilt, Native Dancer (Polynesian—Geisha, by Discovery), which was weighted at 130 pounds in 1952.

Given below are Mr. Kilroe's weights for the 1954 Experimental Free Handicap.

### Experimental Free Handicap Weights

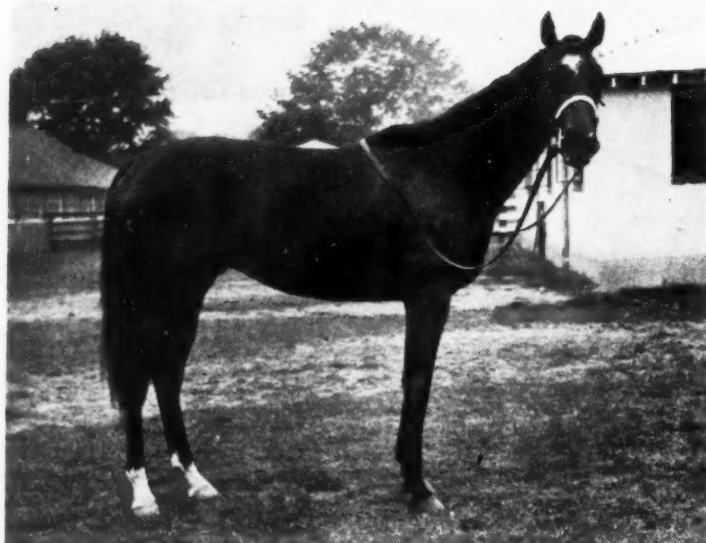
For 2-year-olds of 1954  
3-year-olds of 1955

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Sorceress (f)	110
Commonwealth	109
Dark Ruler	109
Fair Ruler	109

Fair Molly (f)	109
Kinda Smart	109
Madam Jet	109
Model Ace	109
Modern World	109
Racing Fool	109
Tiberian	109
Two Stars (f)	109
Alspal	108
Battle Dance	108
Errasina (f)	108
Guiton Madero	108
Hutcheson	108
Illusionist	108
Lalun (f)	108
Mary's Bubble	108
Mister Carter	108
Rock Pilot	108
Top Traffic	108
War and Peace	108
Windsor King	108
Crown's Glory	107
Gambetta (f)	107
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Little Dell	107
Loyalist	107
Miss Arlette (f)	107
Misty (f)	107
My Blue Sky (f)	107
Natasha (f)	107
Now Dear (f)	107
Postscript	107
Powder Flask	107
Proud Pomp (f)	107
Queensware (f)	107
Toque	107
*Wild Orange (f)	107
Brilliant Gem	106
Bless Pat (f)	106
Courtesy (f)	106
Day's Duke	106
Decimal	106
Early Warning	106
Nimble Doll (f)	106
Blackway	105
Brown Hackle	105
Fantam (f)	105
Feast	105
Sailor	105

(f) indicates filly



(Bert Morgan Photo)

Mrs. Russell A. Firestone's Summer Tan heads the 1954 Experimental Free Handicap. Handicapper Frank E. Kilroe assigned the bay son of \*Heliopolis—Miss Zibby, by Omaha 128 pounds, 2 above scale.

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## The Clubhouse Turn



### Riding Across Country

Mrs. Annie Wilkens, 63, reached Lexington, Ky., January 8 on a coast-to-coast journey on horseback. Accompanied by her year-old dog and astride a nine-year-old mount, she left her home near Lewiston, Me., Nov. 7, headed for Los Angeles.

She said she started with enough money to take her about 1,000 miles, and planned to work along the way if she needed to. But so far she has had to spend little of her original stake.

Why is Mrs. Wilkens making this unusual journey?

"Because I never had a vacation before."

Next major stop on her cross-country ride will be Memphis.

### Once in a Blue Moon

One of those "once-in-a-blue-moon" occurrences of racing happened to the stable of William W. Wickham, Beattyville, Ky., tobacco warehouseman, on January 7, when two of his horses ran a dead-heat in the feature race at Tropical Park. The pair, aptly named Will Be There (he was) and Where Are We (that's what the confused fans must have wondered when they saw the double set of silks hit the finish wire together), ran the six furlongs in 1:12 to outfinish Hal Price Headley's Aesthete by 1½ lengths in the \$3,000 allowance contest for four-year-olds and up.

### Claiborne Calendars Distributed

A. B. Hancock's Claiborne Farm, Paris, Ky., has again distributed to friends and patrons an attractive standing desk calendar including photographs of the farm and its horses. The format has been varied slightly this year with the inclusion of track pictures of Delta and Nashua, both raised at Claiborne.

"Skeets" Meadors and S. Collier.

— Frank Talmadge, Phelps

### Del Mar Ups Purse

A graduated program to increase the value of the famed Del Mar Futurity with annual boosts of \$5000 was announced recently by Walter C. Marty, executive vice-president of the turf-surf course.

For the 1955 running of the 2-year-old classic, which has drawn the greatest number of eligibles in its history—some 410—the purse added by the seaside track will be \$30,000, an increase of \$5,000 over the announced amount. With

nomination, eligibility and starting fees the next, and eighth, running of the Futurity will increase the gross value to approximately \$55,000.

"We plan to add \$5000 more to the purse in 1956, making the value \$35,000, and a like amount each succeeding year until Del Mar is putting up \$50,000 for this event," Marty said. "There is no doubt the Futurity has become our outstanding race and we are bolstering its worth to make it more attractive to breeders and owners in appreciation of their support."

— E. R.

### Another Upset

When Ambient, the Belair Stud's promising 3-year-old colt upset the speedy filly Menolene in the fifth race at Tropical Park on January 6th, he was merely following in the tradition established by his dam some years back. Menolene was one of the shortest priced

favorites of the meeting here, going to the post at 2 to 5. Some years ago it was Vienna, Ambient's mother, who trimmed Calumet's Twilight Tear when the latter's closing price on the board was 1 to 20. Vienna's victory was one of the greatest upsets in modern turf history.

— T. E.

### "According to Report"

According to reports drifting out of Dublin, Ireland, of all places, \*Blue Choir and \*Gipsy Rover, which were bought by Ray Bell and imported to the United States, should do alright in Florida, where the invaders are now stabled. The same report volunteered the information that Acropolis has a grand chance to win the Epsom Derby, providing he can offset Solarium, a slashing son of Hyperion.

— B. B.

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# TUSCANY

Bay, 1948

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### Arlington Classic—American Derby

America's ranking 3-year-olds and Europe's leading Thoroughbreds head a star-studded list of nominations to the 1955 renewals of the \$100,000 added Arlington Classic and the \$100,000 American Derby, which will be run on grass at Washington Park.

This is the first time the American Derby will be contested over the grass course since the initial running in 1884 at old Washington Park. It is the first Major American three-year-old stake to be carded on the turf. The distance has been increased to a mile and three-sixteenths and the gross value will be in the neighborhood of \$155,000.

The mile Classic, richest three-year-old event ever run, is expected to again gross more than \$155,000. Last year's running was worth \$161,300, an all-time record for the division. The winner, Erard King, netted \$106,300.

The roster contains winners of all major juvenile events of 1954. Topping the list are Nashua, Summer Tan, Royal Coinage, Royal Note, Trentonian, Blue Ruler, Georgian and Pyrenees. With the exception of Nashua and Pyrenees, all are named for both races.

The 45th running of the historic American Derby also has attracted some of Europe's most promising young Thoroughbreds. Several have impressive juvenile victories to their credit. Among the highly regarded foreign-bred contingent are Flying Story, bred and owned by Joseph McGrath of Dublin, Ireland; the French colts, Beau Prince II, owned by New Yorker George Wildenstein, and Parisian Pierre Wertheimer's Chingacook.

Hasty House Farm, second money-winning stable in America last year, has named a pair of English imports, My Beau and Summer Solstice, while the newly-formed Sand Hills Farm has the Irish-bred, Daylight Express. The American Derby distance of a mile and three-sixteenths on the grass, plus the potential gross value of \$155,000 will undoubtedly lure most of these participants to Chicago next August.

The French candidates, Beau Prince II and Chingacook ran one-two in the Grand Criterium at Longchamp last summer. Flying Story has among his accomplishments a win over My Beau in the Anglesey Plate at The Curragh in Ireland, while the latter won both the Phoenix Plate and Nunthorpe Stakes at York, England. Summer Solstice annexed the Hopeful and four other English Stakes at Newmarket, while the highly-bred Daylight Express, purchased and conditioned by veteran Tom Smith, was considered one of the Emerald Isle's top prospects. — H. S.

**Turf Racing Returns To New York**  
Racing on the grass returned to New York after a lapse of many years when on May first Belmont Park carded on its eight-race program the Alpha Purse at seven furlongs on the turf which was won by C. Mahlon Kline's Kaster. Turf racing for New York, long advocated by the late Racing Secretary and Handicapper, John B. Campbell, was apparently

well received by the Belmont patrons, most of whom appeared to enjoy every moment of this colorful contest. Ten horses in the four-year-old and up division made up the field for the Alpha Purse. It was a keenly contested race in which the winner, Kaster, negotiated the seven furlongs in 1:24.2, Belmont Park, with an eye to attracting foreign turf stars to our American courses will pursue this new grass-racing policy, and the Commission is hopeful that this type event will find support from our other New York racing associations.

### Weant Dies

William C. Weant, 76, owner of Oakland Farm, Anchorage, Ky., died recently in Alton, Ill. He had been an owner and trainer for over half a century. After a 1940 dispersal of his horses, he maintained his association with racing as a trainer, chiefly for James C. Ellis. Funeral services were held in Louisville.

— F. T. P.

### Good News

Good news for the air minded turf patron. Delta Airlines added a few extra flights to its already crowded schedule between here and New Orleans, permitting the turf fan to leave Dallas, Texas early morning see the whole card at the Fair Grounds and return home early enough to catch a late show. And now TTA, fast growing Texas airline, has scheduled a quick flight from Dallas to Hot Springs, and return to this point the same night. The return flights will leave after the final Oaklawn races.

### "Youth-will-be-Served"

In a business which finds Jim Fitzsimmons going strong at 80 years, Max Hirsch at 74 and Ben Jones at 72, it is good to know there is still opportunity for young men in big times race horse training.

There are three trainers at Hialeah this winter, all under 30, who will be competing against veterans, who have 15 to 50 years experience on them, in the science of getting high-strung Thoroughbreds to the physical and mental peak necessary to win races.

Most extraordinary of these "youth-will-be-served" lads is Lloyd Gentry, a nervous 29-year-old blond who was catapulted early in December from a public stable of "brush league" class horses into charge of the famous Cain Hoy Stable.

Like Cinderella suddenly getting her foot in the slipper, Gentry is still shaking his head trying to believe Harry Guggenheim, Cain Hoy's multi-millionaire owner, really hired him after Eddie Hayward resigned.

From running a semi-gyp outfit of claiming class, knotty-legged horses, Gentry suddenly has more stable help, tack and money to do with than he knew existed. And his horses are of social register breeding. This is a job trainers of any age dream of getting.

Another shootin'-up-successes' ladder is Mike Freeman, who spent most of his 26 years in Providence, R. I. From a well-to-do family, Freeman early made up his mind, despite family opposition, to be a jumping horse rider. Quitting college, he took a job schooling 'chasers. A few bad spills convinced him that riding was out but he obtained a New York trainer's license in 1950 and since then has become one of New England's leading trainers, using as ammunition horses that other trainers didn't want.

He saddled Fife and Drum for trip after trip to the winner's circle this year and has had great success with Parnassus, an unsound, bred-to-run horse belonging to John S. Phipps. He took

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Parnassus after a prominent conditioner had given up on the horse's unsound underpinning, and won Hialeah's \$25,000 Bougainvillea Turf Handicap last season. He's pointing the five-year-old for distance events on the grass here this winter.

"I've got money in the bank for the first time in my life," says a stocky 26-year-old Italian named Tony Cataldi, also a Providence, R. I., boy who's been around race tracks since he was 13. The success and security that Cataldi now knows has come through hard work and help from track friends. He started several times to be a jockey but at one time or another, weight, broken bones and then the Army stopped him.

"I was in the Army one day and in business the next," says Cataldi as he recalls the speed with which he returned to racing and entered the trainers' ranks.

A horse on the cuff and a second-hand car started him. He won a race or two with his sole trainee, then friends let him have horses they didn't want. He went to Sunshine Park, operated a stable for a trainer who was sick, ponied horses in the mornings and worked as an outrider in the afternoons, all "to make a dollar."

Taking three horses to the races in the summer of 1953, he won 22 races in New England and this year landed a steady job training a stable of horses for Mrs. Tilyou Christopher and Dr. G. E. Woollard. Quality horses such as these make the future look bright for the struggling young man and have given him the break that all youngsters, jockeys and embryo trainers alike, need.

—E. A.

### Native Dancer Influence?

The popularity of grey Thoroughbreds with the casual, once-a-week race-goer, can undoubtedly be traced to Native Dancer's thrilling television performances. Whatever the reason the greys frequently come in for a larger share of support than their past performances warrant.

Backers of the greys enjoyed one of their bigger innings at Tropical Park in the feature race on Friday of last week in December. There were three greys in the 12-horse field, and at the wire they led all the rest.

The ultimate winner was the Kencal Stud Farm's Abbezac with Mrs. Samuel Lewin's Senga second and the Leslie Jane Stable's Shamrock third. The first two battled for the lead all the way around the 1 $\frac{1}{4}$  miles. Shamrock trailed far back in the early going, and closed an enormous gap to be third. —T. E.

### Belmont's "Review of the Year"

Belmont Park's annual holiday-time book, "Review of the Year" has gone in the mails to the thousands of horsemen, officials, writers and turf enthusiasts who, each year, receive this record of another season's activities at America's world famed race course. This copy, also, finds its way into the Belmont files in the New York Public Library, there to join other permanent records of the American turf.

All of the features that detail the history made at Belmont during its long seasons of 1954—sixty-seven days including the Spring and Autumn meetings—are included in this year's book, but its cover makes it unique among all its predecessors. The year's cover is a color photo portrait, taken against the green background of Belmont's paddock, of six of America's leading jockeys,

wearing famous silks in which they have captured big stages.

The photo was taken by Bert Morgan, under the direction of Alex M. Robb, Belmont's secretary, and shows Bill Boland in King Ranch colors, Ted Atkinson, wearing Greetree pink, of course, Hedley Woodhouse, in the Eton Blue and Brown of C. V. Whitney, Conn McCreary in George D. Widener's contrasting blue stripes, Eddie Arcaro in Walter M. Jeffords' Green and White and Eric Guerin in Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt's Cerise and White Diamonds.

Between them, these riders have taken the Belmont Stakes eight times, the Belmont Futurity nine times, the Jockey Club Gold Cup seven times, the Kentucky Derby nine times and The Preakness eight times. Belmont has had thirty flat stakes on its list and these famous athletes have won these stakes one hundred and seventy-three times.

Pictorially and in prose, the book brings back the memories of the past year, including such non-racing affairs as Native Dancer's farewell parade, the annual Long Island Hospital Fund night at Belmont the Long Island Fire Department's tournaments on the big grounds, picnics for underprivileged children and many other sidelights in the community life of the huge Long Island racing center.

### Wild Orange Retired

\*Wild Orange, the 2-year-old filly owned by Monmouth Park's secretary, Townsend B. Martin, has been retired as a broodmare. The well bred daughter of "Royal Charger"—"Source Sucree, by Admiral Drake winner during the Fall Belmont meeting, was injured during a training workout. She has been booked to Case Ace and will be shipped to Joseph M. Roebing's Thoroughbred breeding farm at Harborton early this month.

—C. B. S.

### Reeves does Summer Tan

Richard Reeves, noted painter of Thoroughbred horses, has completed a color portrait of Summer Tan, Mrs. Russell A. Firestone's winner of "The Garden State", world's richest race, at Garden State Park last October. The race grossed \$269,965. The portrait will be presented to Mrs. Firestone in Florida this winter by Eugene Mori, president, and Walter H. Donovan, executive vice president, of the Garden State Racing Association.

### Nine Nominees

Citation's first crop of Thoroughbreds to reach the race tracks is represented by 9 nominees for the first running of The Gardenia, Garden State Park's new race for 2-year-old fillies to be run this fall. The Gardenia carries a guaranteed minimum purse of \$100,000. One of Citation's get, out of Flitaway, is owned by Mrs. G. B. Byars, of Tyler, Texas, and is aptly named Cy's First.

Other nominations sired by the great Calumet Farm racer are by Calumet, C. E. Chester, of Alberta, Canada; Derby Dan Farm, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Kerr, Circle M Farm, Mrs. Maria A. Moore and Mrs. Ada L. Rice.

### Fit Again

Racing fans of Maroon, the Thoroughbred mare which runs in quarter races, and belongs to Mr. and Mrs. Ralls C. Jones, will be happy to learn that she is now sound and will start running again in late spring. Maroon, by Echuca Ladd —Mattie Fern, by Sunfire, was unsound most of all last racing season, and even under this handicap managed to win several of the important quarter horse stakes events. It is very encouraging to Mr. and Mrs. Jones to know that the mare is fit again. —The Westner

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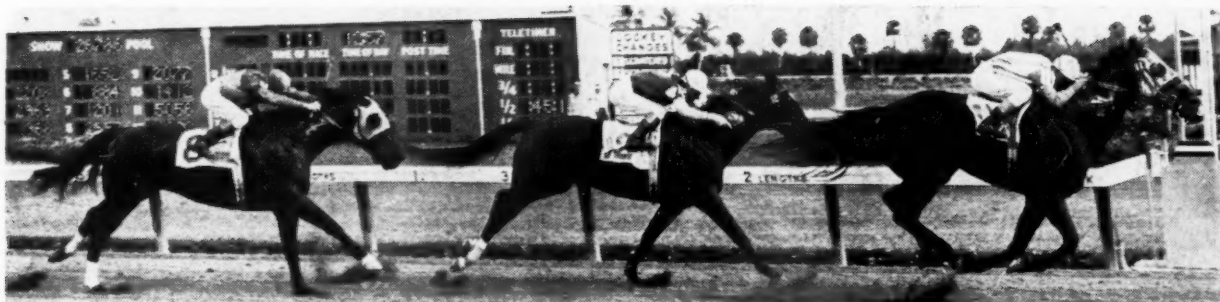
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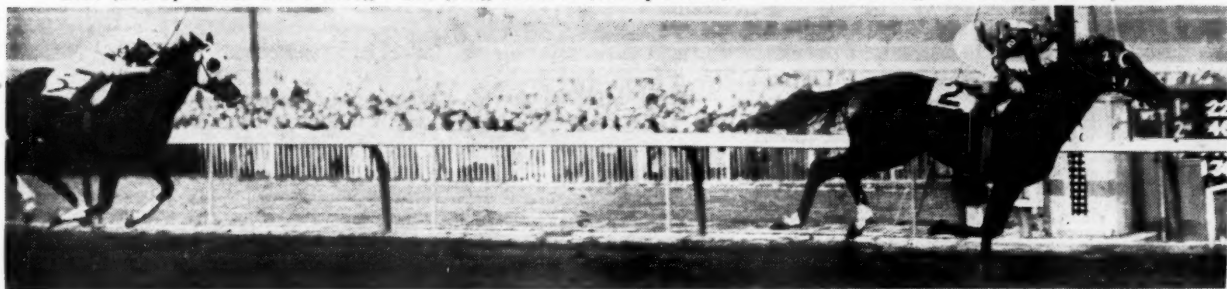
(Tropical Park Photo)

Sylvester Rich's Landseair, Jockey Chris Rogers up, won the New Year's Handicap at Tropical Park by  $1\frac{1}{2}$  lengths from M. Sims' Blessbull, which was another  $1\frac{1}{4}$  lengths to the good of W. L. Curles' Mintaway. Mintaway, a 5-year-old son of Bossuet—Mint Essence, by Brandon Mint bred by Mrs. E. R. D. Bance of Richmond, Va., is a half-brother to the many times hunter champion Mrs. R. Dean Rucker's Spanish Mint.



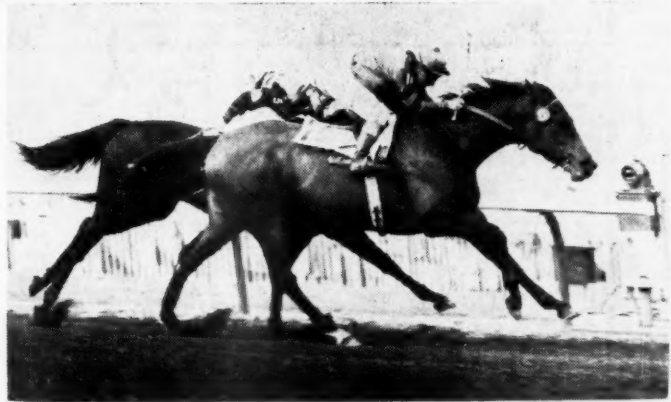
(Tropical Park Photo)

Trainer E. W. King also saddled Helianthus owned by Mr. Rich to win the Robert E. Lee Handicap, Jockey Sammy Boulmetis in the irons, 5 days after Landseair's victory. The field came down to the wire in a fashion which must have given great satisfaction to the handicapper. From the rail out it was Sea O Erin (3rd by 2 necks and a nose), Helianthus (winner by a nose), French Bleu (2nd by a neck and a nose), I Que (5th), Scimitar (4th by a nose, 2 necks and a nose), War Fable, and Impasse.



(Santa Anita Photo)

The Owl Stable and Naylor's Golden Abbey drew out in the final furlong to win the Santa Catalina Handicap for 4-year-olds and up foaled in California, by  $3\frac{1}{2}$  lengths from Mrs. C. M. Ring's Blue Trumpeter.



(Santa Anita Photo)

Calumet Farm's Miz Clementine with Jockey Ralph Neves doing the booting, came home a half-length victor over G. I. Martin's Alibhai Lynn in the Las Flores Handicap at Santa Anita.

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1946-47	2	6	3	4	1	0	1,785
1947-48	3	12	7	3	1	2	6,900
1948-49	4	15	4	3	3	5	4,560
1949-50	5	19	4	4	4	6	4,573
1950-51	6	11	2	2	1	6	2,150
		64	20	15	10	19	\$19,968

At 2. Won Bryan Moore Stakes (5 furlongs), Adelaide Stakes (7 furlongs, 1:26 1/5, 132 lbs.), and a 6 furlong handicap (129 lbs., 1:13 1/5); 3rd in South Australia Sires' Produce Stakes.

At 3. Won Burwood Handicap, Victoria Derby (1 1/2 miles, 2:30 1/5, new track record, 122 lbs.), Select Stakes, St. Veger Stakes (by 4 1/2 lengths, 13 miles, 122 lbs.), a handicap at 1 mile, 1:39 1/5, 126 lbs., winning by 2 lengths, a 1 1/4 miles handicap (by 2 lengths, carrying 124 lbs., and a 7 1/2 furlong handicap (by 8 lengths, carrying 148

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miles, 130 lbs.), S. J. Pullman Select Stakes (by 4 lengths, 128 lbs.), P. A. R. C. 60th Anniversary Stakes (carrying 129 lbs.); 2nd in Whittier Handicap, Cantala Stakes, Parkside Stakes, and a 5 furlong handicap, carrying 149 lbs.; 3rd in Linlithgow Stakes, Futurity Stakes, Alistair Clark Stakes, Goodwood Handicap.

At 6. Won Underwood Stakes, Anniversary Stakes; 2nd in Parkside Stakes; 3rd in I. K. S. Mackinnon Stakes.

1953), Ceos (W. A. St. Leger), \*Beau Gem, etc.

FRENCH GEM. Winner at 2, 3, and 4. Minkook Two-Year-Old S., Oaks S. Dam of—  
\*ROYAL GEM II (Dhoti). 23 wins, \$27,530.  
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AUSTRAL GEM (Helios). 7 wins at 2 and 3. Woodlands S.  
CROWN GEM (Dhoti). 20 wins at 2 and up to 5. St. Albans S., Bryan Moore S., Rawdon S., Foundation S., Birthday Cup.

SOLAR GEM (Helios). 7 wins, 3rd New Year's Gift H.  
LEAS PATROL (Portofino). Winner at 2, 3, and 5.

REGAL GEM (Dhoti). Winner at 2.

FISSION. Winner at 3. Tooronga H., 2nd Leonard S. Dam of—  
MILLARS, Ascot H., Marine H., Oakleigh Plate.

### STUD RECORD

\*Beau Gem entered the stud in 1952.

HELIOS, leading sire in Australia in 1949, is sire of stakes winners Carbon Copy (top three-year-old of his year, A. J. C. Derby), W. S. Cox Plate, St. George Stakes, King's Plate, Chipping Norton Stakes twice, A. J. C. St.

## \*BEAU GEM

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## News From the Studs



### — TEXAS — Irish Purchases

Fred Turner, Jr., West Texas oilman and thoroughbred patron, with headquarters here and a nursery at Lovington, N. M., has been quietly expanding his thoroughbred holdings and bought in Ireland, the mare, Valiant, which is in foal to the great Tulyar, and also has a colt at side by Sayajirao. Turner also acquired the chestnut filly foal by \*Royal Charger out of Rasher.

The Midland enthusiast arranged to leave Valiant in Ireland until she foals this year and she will then be bred to Precipite for 1956 foaling in the United States. — B. B.

### — KENTUCKY — Double for Calumet Fillies

Mrs. Gene Markey's Calumet Farm, Lexington, scored a double in two filly stakes within three days recently at Santa Anita Park.

On January 5, the 3-year-old Miss Arlette took the \$15,000-added La Centinella Stakes, confined to non-winners in previous added-money competition.

On January 8, the 4-year-old Miz Clementine captured the \$20,000-added Las Flores Handicap, with Alibhai Lynn in her usual runner-up slot.

### Claiborne and \*Nasrullah Dominate Experimental

A. B. Hancock's Claiborne Farm, Paris, and the Claiborne stallion \*Nasrullah dominated the top weights on the Experimental Free Handicap to a rare degree.

Four of the seven highest-weighted colts and two of the three high-weighted fillies were foaled at Claiborne. Three of the colts and one of the fillies within this group are by \*Nasrullah.

The Claiborne-foaled colts among the top seven are Summer Tan (top-weighted at 128 pounds), Nashua (second at 127), Blue Ruler (fourth at 123) and Flying Fury (sixth at 119, level with Trentonian). All but the first, a son of \*Heliopolis, are by \*Nasrullah.

The Claiborne-foaled fillies among the top three are High Voltage (top-weighted filly at 117) and Delta (second filly at 116, level with Myrtle's Jet). Delta is a daughter of \*Nasrullah; and High Voltage is by another Claiborne sire, \*Ambiorix.

### Roseland Mares Booked

Grant A. Dorland, owner of Roseland Farm, Lexington, has booked two of his mares to \*Royal Gem II. The other Roseland matrons will go to Bolero, Devil Diver, Greek Ship, War Admiral and War Relic.

Incidentally, Mr. Dorland expects this spring the first American foal by the inaugural Washington, D. C., International winner Wilwyn, to whom the recent Roseland purchase \*Merevale, by \*Watling Street, is in foal.

### Riant Back at Mereworth

Riant, winner of the 1953 Adirondack Stakes, is back at Mrs. Walter J. Salmon's Mereworth Farm, Lexington, to take up her duties as a brood mare. Bred by Mereworth, the half sister, to Wood-

chuck, raced under lease to Brookmeade Stable.

### Elmendorf Yearlings

The yearling crop at Max H. Gluck's Elmendorf Farm, Lexington, includes three Polynesian fillies; two daughters of Phalanx; and colts by Chanteur, Colonel II, \*Cortil, Kingsway and \*Shannon II.

Among them are a half brother, by \*Cortil, to The Pimpernel; a half sister, by Phalanx, to Charleston; and a filly by Polynesian from the Ashland Stakes winner Tall Weeds.

### Biddy Jane Dies

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Collins' Biddy Jane, winner of the 1952 Rancocas and Miss America Stakes, died last week of colitis at Tollie Young's Creekview Farm, Paris. A \$1,700 yearling bargain, the daughter of Psychic Bid—Melva Jane, by Wise Counsellor, equaled the Hawthorne record of :59 in the Miss America. At the time of her death she was carrying what would have been her first foal as the result of a service by Blue Swords.

### First Foal of '55

Leslie Combs II's Spendthrift Farm, Lexington, got an early start on the 1955 foaling season. Just 5½ hours after the New Year arrived, Tsumani, owned by Mr. Combs and John W. Hanes, dropped a bay filly by Beau Max.

### Nahar's Syndication Completed

The syndication of a half interest in \*Noor's half brother Nahar, by Stardust, has been completed; and the Lincolnshire Handicap winner will soon be flown to Howard Reineman's Crown Crest Farm, Lexington, to take up his American stud duties. American breeders have subscribed for 15 shares in the Nahar syndicate, and Prince Aly Khan is retaining the other half interest in the horse. — Frank Talmadge Phelps



### — VIRGINIA —

#### Bessie's Beau

A recent addition to the broodmare band at Whitewood, The Plains, Virginia is Bessie's Beau, a 6-year-old dark bay mare by \*Jacopo—Bess B., by Sun Beau. Bessie's Beau was a winner at 2, 3, and 4 of \$45,675. She is a half-sister to Antagonizer, which set a new track record over hurdles at Saratoga, 1½ miles in 2:58½. Her dam, Bess B., accounted for 21 races during her sojourn at the tracks and is a daughter of the Schuylerville Stakes winner Aromagne. This is the immediate female line of Busy American, Gallahadion, Big Dial, Spanish Cream and other notable stakes winners. Bessie's Beau will be bred to \*Tennyson II, stakes winning half-brother to the Irish Champion and outstanding sire The Phoenix. \*Tennyson II, which holds court at Whitewood, will be represented at the track this year by his first crop of foals.

\*Prince Glorieux also arrived at Whitewood early in January. The 4-year-old son of Prince Bio—La Pougue, by Pougatchev was a winner on the flat and over hurdles in France and is destined for racing over jumps in this country.

### — MARYLAND —

#### Pons Sells Nashua's Half-Sister

Segment a half-sister to the outstanding 2-year-old of 1954 Nashua, has been sold by John P. Pons of Country Life Farm, Bel Air, Maryland to Mrs. C. A. Lyon of Waynesboro, Pennsylvania. Segment by Some Chance—Segula, by John-

stown, was a winner at 2 and 3 and is now in foal to Occupy, the successful siring son of \*Bull Dog—Miss Bunting, by Bunting, which stands at Country Life. Segment is also a half-sister to the good Alsab filly Sabette and full sister to the stakes placed Secant.

Mrs. Lyon, it will be recalled, campaigns the good stakes winning son of Occupy, Penocc, winner of well over \$75,000.

### — CANADA-MARYLAND —

#### "First of the Year"

With every January comes the battle for "First Foal of the Year" honors and already proclamations have been heard from various parts of North America. From the Luxiana Farm of Russell Graul near Vercheres, Quebec, Canada comes the report of a filly foaled on Monday night at 11:20, January 3rd. This entrant for the title of "First Foal of 1955 in North America" is by Main Liner (a son of Porter's Cap)—Montana Rose, by Gay Monarch.

Although definitely not the first of the year, Glade Valley Farm, Walkersville, Maryland has what it considers this year's first foal in the Free State. This claimant is a bay colt, foaled on January 9th by The Pincher—Miss Punch, by \*Jacopo. Even if this isn't the "first" in Maryland it is the first foal by The Pincher, fleet stakes winner of over \$100,000. The Pincher, by \*Heliopolis—Ellie B., by \*Bull Dog, stands at Glade Valley.

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## Cajun Country Roundup

With the birth of the New Year, turf patrons from the colorful and romantic Cajun Country of Louisiana swarm into the Fair Grounds and there they have a ball for themselves as they watch their Thoroughbred representatives consistently outrun the so-called "blue-bloods" of Kentucky.

The Fair Grounds annually starts its long series of races for "baby" horses on the first day of each year and it is in these short dashes of a quarter of a mile that the Cajun Louisiana-bred horses come to their own. They are bred for raw speed and they are trained accordingly and when they swoop down against local competition they seldom miss their objective.

It is also noteworthy that the leading jockey of the Fair Grounds meeting is a Cajun. He is Ray Broussard, who gained his start riding in the comparatively impromptu races of the Cajun country.

Another is Jimmy Hardinbrook, one of the most accomplished reinsmen on the grounds.

Among the leaders representing the Cajuns is Mayo Romero, a 46-year-old rugged individual from New Iberia. Romero's vocation is race farming and raising cattle and his avocation is breeding and running horses of extreme speed. He has as his trainer Pola Benoit, another Cajun who at one time was an outstanding jockey. Benoit was good enough to ride regularly for the late Colonel E. R. Bradley, who won a quarter of Kentucky Derbies with Behave Yourself, Bubbling Over, Burgoo King and Brokers Tip.

Romero has four brothers and they, too, have entered the racing sport. They are Harry, David, Howard and Alton. They have broodmares at the Romero's Hulton Plantation and are breeding and racing on a larger scale each year.

Another group of brothers who are among the leaders in racing in the Cajun Country are Ellis J. and Freddie Richard, of Cankton, La. There they have a farm and two tracks, one a half-mile circular oval and the other a quarter mile straightaway. The site is called Richard Casino.

In all, there is reported to be approximately 300 people interested in the breeding and running horses in the Cajun Country.

Authority for this statement is Benoit. He has been training horses in that area, at the Fair Grounds and at numerous other major recognized tracks of the country since he stopped riding more than twenty years ago.

"There is every reason why the Cajun-bred horses should beat the Kentucky-breds at this time of the year," Benoit explains.

"You see, we race our horses long before they are two years old. When we bring them to the Fair Grounds they are well seasoned and usually have several races under them, while the Kentucky breds are just beginning to learn how to run."

Benoit says that on July 4 there is an annual race held at the Evangeline Race-track, at Ville Platte, La. for horses, most of whom are not more than 14 months old.

"This is what they call an 'open' race, which means any type of horse can compete whether he be a Thoroughbred or not. The conditions are that he must not be two years old and that the owner puts up a \$100 nomination fee (when the horse is a suckling) and another \$100 if he starts. I call it the Futurity, but most of the Cajuns call it 'The Colt Race,' even though fillies, geldings and what have you, start.

"By 'colt,' they mean only that it is for young horses. The race is run at three sixteenths of a mile down the straightaway and it is at what we call 'catch weights! That means that the horses can carry any weight the owner or trainer wants. Usually we try to find a rider who weighs not more than 60 pounds.

"We have a regular starting gate, like you have at the Fair Grounds, only it has just four stalls. So we run four at a time in elimination and the winners meet in the finals. There are some horses and there are some 'just' horses, but most of the Futurities are now won by Thoroughbreds who eventually race at the Fair Grounds and then carry on to the other tracks of the country after the season closes in New Orleans.

"In order to get the Thoroughbreds ready for the July 4 race," Benoit explains "it is necessary to begin breaking and training them before they are taken from their mothers. Usually they are halter broken only a few weeks after they are born.

Once they become weanling, we break them to the saddle and we allow little boys (as light as possible) to get on their backs. By the time they are a year old they have received as much education

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## Standing at THE MEADOW in Virginia

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3-year-old of 1950

Prince Simon was weighted at top of English 3-year-old Free Handicap in 1950 at 133 lbs., 7 pounds above the next horse. Great closing rushes in both the 2,000 Guineas and Derby saw him miss catching the leaders by a head in record and near record times, respectively. From 3 2-year-old starters in 1954, three have won.

B., 1947, \*Princequillo—Dancing Dora,  
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Fee \$500

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Bryan G. is \*Blenheim II's second greatest money winning son now at stud in America. He won \$165,625, including the Pimlico Special, Westchester H., Questionnaire H., Aqueduct H. (twice), etc. He was rated at 122 lbs. on The Blood-Horse Handicap of 1951 just below Hill Prince, Citation, and Palestinian. Entered the stud in 1954.

Ch., 1947, by \*Blenheim II—  
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Dk. b., 1940, by \*Boswell—  
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**HOME-MADE  
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**OCCUPY** retired to the stud in 1947. Since then four crops of foals have raced (excluding 1954 2-year-olds) and of 59 foals, 56 have raced, and 49 have been winners, including eight of stakes class. This is a standout record.

Occupy was represented in 1954 with 31 winners, including two stakes winners and another to place in stakes. Outstanding was the excellent stakes mare \*CINDA. She won the Rumson Handicap, 2nd in Regret and Mermaid Handicaps, and was winning stakes for the third straight year. Occupy was also sire of the Detroit stakes winner Color Guard, winner of the Boots and Saddle Handicap, and of Outsmart, second in the Correction Handicap.

Occupy had previously sired HOME-MADE, winner stakes at 2 and 3, including National Stallion S., Astoria S., Vagrancy and Comely Handicaps; of PENOC, winner Fort McHenry H., CINDA which earlier had won Cherry Blossom S., Colonial H., Betsy Ross S., Regret H. (twice), etc., and COLOR GUARD, winner in 1953 of Randall Park H.

In 1953 Occupy was represented by four stakes winners—led all Eastern sires.

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# Grass Roots



## Strong Permanent Fences Are A Good Investment Preservatives Reduce Cost Of Upkeep

Mayo Brown

This is the time of year to go over all the fences on the farm. Some will need a little patching and others should be rebuilt completely. But whatever is done should be done properly. It is too often that we put off checking the fence on the back side of the farm and then a cow or calf, or worse still, a bull gets out and it takes longer to find them than it would to check the whole line of fence for weak places. Then, after a hurried job is done, the first thing you know some animal is out again.

A poorly built fence is a bad investment. Many cows have been injured on fences with broken posts and sagging wires, and in most cases, if a cow is hit by a car you are liable for suit and this can be very costly. Heifers are bred by the wrong bull or at the wrong time because of a weak fence, and too much time is needlessly wasted chasing cows that get out through these weak places.

If the fence fixing job is left until spring, when there is other work crowding, often the fence is let go. Much time and labor can be saved over a period of years if fencing is done properly. The fence should be strong and permanent in the very beginning. Of course, there is a place for a temporary single or double strand electric fence with posts far apart. In places where it can be used an electric fence can save considerable time and expense. But for the most part, all fences around permanent pastures and barnyards should be built as a permanent fence in the beginning. Sometimes we put up expensive permanent fences where they are not necessary and this is done just because we're used to building that type of fence and like its looks. An electric fence costs only a small percentage of the cost of an American wire, board, or rail fence. This is one way costs can be cut. Of course, these fences give the farm a new look which may take a little time to get used to.

Probably one of the best ways of saving when building a fence is by using long lasting posts—ones that will last 15 to 20 years. This can be done with many kinds of woods if a preservative is used. When posts are pressure treated with creosote they sometimes last 30 years or more. Usually the preservative gives you up to three times the normal life of the post. Different woods vary in lasting ability. Red cedar and black locust have a reputation for outlasting

other woods. These posts are good for about 20 years without treating with a preservative. Heartwood of trees is more durable than sapwood. Posts of white cedar, white oak and honey locust cut from heartwood will last 15 to 20 years without being treated. But not every farmer has the long lasting woods, so often times it may be necessary to use posts of beach, birch, maple, black oak and iron wood because these grow right on the farm. If a preservative is used they may last fifteen or more years. If these posts are used without a preservative, however, they will usually have to be replaced within five years.

There are several materials and several methods that can be used to preserve posts. Some materials are water soluble and some are oil soluble. Some may be used on green posts, others on seasoned posts. Some can be used on posts that are round and others on split. Treating posts takes time, but the results are worth it.

Which preservative you use depends on the kind of post used. For fresh cut posts with the bark on, chromated zinc chloride or a solution of copper sulphate is recommended. To use this method you cover one end of the post with a cloth to act as a wick and with the post sitting upright, place a quart can of the solution to be used, inverted, on top of the post. Gravity then takes the preservative into it. In making the chromated zinc chloride solution use one pound to one gallon of water, and it should be applied as soon as possible after the post is cut. This method can be used at any time of year except when the wood is frozen.

Pentachlorophenol is an oil soluble preservative used on seasoned round or split posts. This can be bought in a concentrated solution and is diluted with kerosene or fuel oil, or it can be used with motor oil that has been strained. The posts should be soaked in a tank for 72 hours with the preservative deep enough to cover the posts well above where the ground line will be. Pentachlorophenol is noted for its penetrating ability. This method works best in warm weather, but it can be used at any time of year. The ground line is usually where the post rots or breaks and it will save money not to treat the whole post.

Creosote, of course, is the old stand-by, and more recently, pressure treating with this preservative has become popu-

lar. Pine posts, pressure treated with creosote, are said to last about 30 years. Many farmers just paint the bottom 3½ feet with creosote and it seems to lengthen the life of the post somewhat. However, if the preservative is given a chance to penetrate, then you are sure of a longer lasting fence.

The cost of treating fence posts with a preservative varies somewhat depending on what is used. The treating cost, of course, increases the initial cost of your fence, but the cost of upkeep during its life will be reduced in two ways. First, posts will not break so quickly, and second, with fewer broken posts, there will be fewer broken wires.

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Some days not considered the best from the point of view of the man who enjoys hunting primarily because it affords him an opportunity to gallop across country and jump fences, may be excellent for the man who truly appreciates the job hounds are doing. Such was Tuesday, December 28th.

Hounds met at Irwin's Gate and chopped a fox in the Tipping Woods, their first draw. Then found immediately in their next, Blue Hill. Though scent was

Woods proved futile but on a long cast southward over Kenny Harris' into the Frog pond Woods hounds cold trailed the line spottily and marked their fox to ground in Robert Hogg's.

Going on to the big Fernwood covert south on Route 41, hounds ferretted a grey out of a tangled thicket of tree tops and thorny blackberry vines and drove him hard for a nice point back over Route 41 dodging tractor trailers and speeding passenger cars for about a mile to Dietrich's swamp, where the fox doubled back to his original covert. Hounds marked the earth with such determination and enthusiasm it was apparent the fox was not far below ground. To the Field's amazement hounds pulled him out and killed him. As they killed this fox a second grey bolted itself and ran again over Route 41 to go up a tree. This fox was thrown down to them by Tom Kirk, a sporting farmer, who was following in a car. As it was then 4 o'clock, with a 2-hour hack to the kennels, the order was given for home. This bitch pack had left at 9 in the morning and 9 hours later returned to the kennels still with their sterns up as cheerfully as if they had just been out for an exercise. No doubt they were eager to boast to the mixed pack that they had killed 3 foxes, despite a south wind and catchy scent!

— Sandon

gave us a good thirty minute run before losing.

We then hacked south going into Merrill's cornfield, and hounds found in the "two Mile Creek" bottom land. They gave us another good thirty minutes, going south and then east before their quarry turned west and was put to ground in the large den in the center of this country.

### October 24, 1954

We drew northwest from Carpenters' place towards the power lines into Bob Fehr's farm and the field viewed a large red here. With hounds running, the fox carried us north to the ravine then going east through Bob Willhites' and Walsh's. He then circled and went north, going to ground in Willhites' after a 30 minute run.

We then hacked through Kolb's and into Nack's where the Huntsman recast, drawing through Dr. Falk's cover and into Bixby's where they picked up a second line going back through Falk's and into John Meyer's, then east to the river and south to Culvers before losing in Walsh's woods.

### October 31, 1954

We hacked east from the Highway Garage on New Malle Road and cast them in Zembridge's pasture going north into the wooded area. Hounds picked up a line and ran north and west thr-



(The Sunday Bulletin Photo)

THE RADNOR HUNT Malvern, Pa., ready to move off.

catchy, hounds were close to their fox and ran with good drive and cry westwards thru' Apfelbaum's and Dietrich's before swinging eastward again over the open Willis Jackson meadows to come to a check on top of the Nichol's hill, where a strong south wind literally blew the scent away. A view by Mr. Robert Tindle at this crucial moment put hounds right and they did a magnificent job carrying the line over the London-derry road, past the George Baker's house thru' Griffith's. It was a hound-man's delight to see these 22 couples of bitches drive on across the grass of the Acker farm toward Frank Wilson's. As a perfectly matched squadron on the drill field they swung with the line tantalizingly blown by a merciless soft south wind. Hunting every inch, but with remarkable drive, they pushed on over the Gum Tree Road, past the Friendship Church to Arthur Mathews, where the fox suddenly turned left handed and hounds were really brought to their noses on a freshly manured corn stubble field. Eased on over this foiled ground, they hit off the line on a muddy seeded field, but the fox was now quite far ahead of them and had picked up this thawing mud, making scent even more difficult. A hopeful cast thru' Carlin's

### BRIDLESPUR HUNT

Huntleigh Village,  
St. Louis County,  
Missouri.  
Established 1927.  
Recognized 1929.



The hunt meet at Wilburs place on Diehr Road on Sunday, Oct. 10th. We hacked south on the road casting hounds into the woods and drew west and within 15 minutes after having left the vans, the hounds were screaming on a fox. They ran him south along the Dardeen Creek into the Boyer's place, then into Bone's property crossing the creek west there, turning him south through Todebusch's place and back into Wilburs. From there west into Walkers' farm where hounds put him to ground. We had picked up two foxes because hounds split and about four couple were running east across Diehr Road into DeHarts and Smithburgers' place. One of the hilltoppers saw them go across and he viewed the fox ahead of them.

On Thursday, October 21st-with a very small field out, the Bridlespur Hunt had a very pleasant day. We drew east from Fleming Barn on Bopp Road going into May's woods where hounds found and

ough Huffmeier's Woods, then turned north across the country road into restricted area, where Riley turned back the hounds. He had viewed the fox before it went across the road. We later cast into Yungermans' east into the old Kohler property where hounds found and ran east then south, where they turned him again out of the woods and across DD Highway and ran him east into the A. A. Busch wildlife area. Hounds were just screaming on the line and ran him south towards the Watch Tower which is on D Highway, then swung around and headed him back east towards the bluff's where they ran him to ground. A very good run of well over an hour and an 11 miles as hounds ran. We collected all the hounds at the iron bridge just west of the Archery Course. We then hacked over towards Wallace's place where hounds were recast; they picked up another fox almost immediately and ran him north and then west along Dardeen Creek, then into O'Neal's woods where they circled before he broke cover again and crossed DD Highway just south of the concrete bridge. Several of the Horse van drivers viewed two foxes crossing the road, and Dr. Aitken viewed the fox and said hounds were

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**THE BEAUFORT HUNT, Harrisburg, Penna., (l. to r.): Dr. George Wade, Honorary Whip, Vance Coover, Secretary and Honorary Whip, Dr. Rife Gingrich, Field Master, Clyde H. Smith, President of Beaufort Hunt, B. R. Hoppe, M.F.H., and Fred B. Dapp, Jr., Secretary and Honorary Whip.**

## Bridlespur

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only a few minutes behind, well bunched and in full cry. Hounds then ran him south and west through Yungerman's, through Todebusches' pasture into Klein's place, where hounds had checked when we caught up with them. A very fast run which eliminated quite a few of the 25 or 30 members who had started, only five left with the Master Andrew Shinkle; Walter Staley, G. Clarkson, C. A. Snodgrass, James Human and Dr. Aitken. It was a marvelous day, the best so far this season, and one that will be remembered for a long time.

—E. R. S.

## LIMESTONE CREEK HUNT

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Manlius,  
New York.  
Established 1939.  
Registered 1949.



The quality of our hunting this year has been the best yet, thanks in large part to Jim Hubbard of Cazenovia and his sister, Helen. Our country at Cazenovia cannot fail to be one of the most picturesque in the world and each year the Hubbards have panelled many extra miles with good solid respectable fences.

Our hounds have been a problem to us. Seventeen of our puppies whelped 2 years ago lost their sense of smell, which we attribute to injections for infectious hepatitis. The injections were given because one hound died with the cause being diagnosed as infectious hepatitis. The reason we feel that it was the injections which did it, is that we had four litters at the time. The three in the kennel were injected. One litter out at walk was not, and although, all four litters were of the same general breeding, the litter which was not injected have good noses. This misfortune set us back in numbers and we have for three seasons only been able to hunt seven couple of hounds. Furthering our bad luck, our best bitch, no longer young, whelped the 13th and 14th, a litter of 14, and died this morning with internal injuries from the ordeal. We have another litter in the kennels and with any luck will go out next fall with 8 or 9 couples, about two couples short of our wishes. Five of the above

mentioned 14 are alive with a foster mother, a collie (?) who lost her litter 3 days ago. She was recruited by all four local radio stations. They carried the story on their local news broadcasts. She and the pups are famous locally.

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## MONMOUTH COUNTY HUNT

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There have been several good days since the opening meet on Armistice Day, especially over the Thanksgiving holidays, when a large field (for here) turned out.

On Thanksgiving Day, hounds met at the William Riker's in Holmdel, with the Master carrying the horn. A fox was found in the west wood, running south to Jimmy McGee's, and turning right handed to the Harding's. Here he turned back and onto the telephone laboratory grounds, where we are not allowed to go.

Half of the field, among them, the two Holsey's, Grayson Greer and Judy Gil-

man, waited on the hill and were able to see hounds double back, so were with them when they got back to the Riker's. The rest of us, thinking John Charles had continued east, galloped round the lab to Annie Ogden's corners towards the new turnpike, when followers in cars put us right.

Mr. Haskell made a large cast, but we were not able to put hounds right, and as it was three o'clock, we finished for the day.

Members of the field included, other than the regular hunt staff, Jill Johnston, Dorothy Metcalf, Joan and Bitsy Connelly, the McConnells, the McClains, etc.

Sat., Nov. 27th found a number of children out, when hounds met at the Montrose schoolhouse—among them, the Lord twins, Sally and Muffin, out for their first time. They are the nieces of the hunt Sec., Mrs. George Howell. Sally was on the Howell blue-ribbon winner, Hard Times, and Muffin was on Betty Foales' pony Texas, while Betty was on her father's wonderful old Colonel. Very sadly, this proved to be his last hunt, but that is another story. But his looks and actions belied his 20 seasons of hunting—he is at least 25 years old.

As usual, Mr. Haskell hunted hounds, with Albert Smith, Bicky Metcalf and Melly Ryan whipping to him. Others out were Mrs. Howell, Mrs. Metcalf, Mrs. Gilman, Mrs. Connelly and her 12 year old daughter Bitsy, on a very nice new jumping pony, the McConnells, also both on new and very nice hunters, Louise Kaye and Cecil Tuke, young Pam White on the Kaye's pony, etc. etc.

The Master drew the schoolhouse wood and almost immediately found a fox, which ran east to the Semeraro farm, where hounds checked on the Montrose road. They crossed into the swamp and cast themselves, working very hard alone, as the field was not able to get to them on horse back. We could see them from the road, trying to pick up the line, so the Master crossed the wire and swamp on foot, and got them right.

We galloped up to the Ripley farm, where the fox was viewed and on the Flock Farm, with hounds only a field behind. A very fast gallop to the Folger farm, where hounds killed, with Smitty and Mrs. Howell in first, followed by Betty Foales and Muffin Lord, and then Sally Lord, the Connellys and the Mc-

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Connells. Mr. Haskell blooded the three children, and each got a trophy. There never were three such happy, grinning girls!

Scent had been catchy, but hound work was very good, especially a pleasure, as one was able to see so much of it. Particularly noticeable was High Peak Ramble, the nice bitch which Mrs. Howell brought from England last spring.

### AIKEN DRAG HUNT

Aiken,  
South Carolina.  
Established 1914.  
Re-recognized 1954.



Riders in Aiken, S. C., heard the music of hounds on Saturday, December 18. Mrs. William B. Wood, M. F. H., held informal drag-hunts during the Christmas holiday season. The opening meet will be on January 8 at the kennels. The Aiken Drag Hunt has seven couple of

At the start of the year the entire professional staff was discharged, and no suitable replacements have been found to date. This has thrown a heavy load on the non-professional staff.

Added to the other troubles, Mrs. Conrad Ruckelshaus, joint master, was injured early in the season. Mrs. C. O. Alig, Sr., one of the most faithful members has also been greatly missed due to an accident while hacking. However, Mr. Alig has continued to make every hunt, often serving as field master.

In spite of early difficulties, the Thanksgiving Hunt was one of the best drags I have ever witnessed. The hunt met at Otto Frenzels at ten A. M. The field was well mounted and well turned out. For two hours we had a most exceptional chase. The drag was carefully laid and there was ample time for the field to watch the hounds work. They performed beautifully.

The country was well panelled with solid log jumps which the horses respected. In spite of the rather heavy going, there were no bad mistakes, and no real estate bought. The pace was brisk, but there was no wild stampede. It was no point-to-point incognito. It

promptly at 2:30 through the Blackwood pasture into Hay Hallow

The hounds worked the hollow covering both the hillsides thoroughly and found scent near the end of the hollow before coming out on the road. The scent went along the river to the field across from the Carter P. Brown's where all of us got an excellent view of hound work and we continued to see the hounds to advantage as we went up the river as they worked the show grounds of the Cottage Patch and up past the new pond. The line turned and went up the branch to Stillpond where it turned again to go between Stillpond and the Flynn's. We jumped the bank and the panel into the pasture where the hounds faulted again. The hounds had faulted several times up to this time and the line most certainly seemed to be a live fox scent. The pace had not been very fast due to these faults and it was the type of hunt that one could almost imagine how the fox had sauntered in and out of places to investigate his territory. The drag boy had moved around quite a bit and had picked up his strips of cloth with the scent a number of times. In Tryon the drag scent is made by dragging a



(John Alexander Photo)

**THE FAIRFAX HUNT, Sunset Hills, Va., (r. to l.):** W. Carroll Hunter, Field Master, Randolph Rouse, Mrs. John S. Brookes, Jr., Mrs. Ramone Eaton, Hon. Edward F. Howery, Chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, Vincent Melzac, and Donald Stough.

hounds this year, six couple of English hounds, one couple of cross-bred. Ivor Stoddard, Bradford and David Walker, students at the Aiken Preparatory School are the honorary whippers-in for this season. They stable with Walter Newman, Sandhurst Stable, who had eight following the hounds on Saturday. Kenneth Bresnen, Bridlespur Stable, had seven out hunting. Enthusiasm and hard work indicate that the Aiken Drag Hunt will have a good season.

### TRADERS POINT HUNT

R. D. 1, Zionsville,  
Indiana.  
Established 1931.  
Recognized 1934.



The Traders Point Hunt has figuratively had its full share of obstacles this year. One of them is the lack of negotiable obstacles on the ground. Driven relentlessly North by the real estate men and an expanding city, they have had to branch out into country that is inadequately panelled, and where the landowners are not too keen on letting them through. In a country that has an abundance of foxes and marvelous galloping terrain, they are forced to drag in order to hunt at all.

simulated live hunting as well as any drag could.

That this type of a meet could be held in spite of adversity is a great tribute to the membership. With two whips missing, the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Gale Fletcher, turned in an excellent job, whipping from his good horse, Portland, who is new to that kind of work.

Mr. Burford Danner, the joint master, has done a terrific job all the season. He has not only hunted the hounds, but he has made them into a well disciplined unit. He has been up early supervising the laying of the drag. Mrs. Danner reports that he even mutters, "Pack to me, pack to me", in his sleep.

With such leadership, a hard working staff, and a loyal field the future of riding to hounds in the Indianapolis area seems bright indeed. — R. H. A.

### TRYON HOUNDS

Tryon,  
North Carolina.  
Established 1926.  
Recognized 1935.



December 16th. The hounds met at the J. A. Blackwood's "Tootin Hill" and the Huntsman, George Webster, had the 6½ couple of drag hounds move off

few strips of cloth that have been very near a live fox for a period of from 12 to 24 hours. The drag boy always travels on foot and will drag these strips from a string or will put the strips on a long walking stick which will only strike the ground every 6 or 8 feet.

We went through the Flynn pastures and over the hedges of the driveway which make a wonderful in-and-out. We crossed the Bennett driveway and before we came to the Zogbaum house the scent turned right and we went through the woods close to the house and down an old trail to the branch then a left turn brought us onto the Walter C. Hall's place and up the road to the mule barn and on to the Herbert Oliver's "Fancy Hill" by way of the old wine cellar. We followed the hounds down the terraces used in the spring hunter trials and we jumped into the pastures over the post and rail at the bottom of the hill. We found the drag boy in the pastures and one could tell from the conversation at "Kill" that everyone out had a good time and even those of us that were soft and had horses that were not fit had a grand time as the pace had been "just right". I had hunted my 5 year old and the footing and the pace was the kind that lets us make young horses in Tryon.

—John Donald



## Lameness in Horses And Hounds

Dr. W. A. S. Stevens, M. R. C. V. S.

The term "lameness" may be regarded as the manifestation of pain or disability during progression; stringhalt in the horse is an irregularity of gait, not a lameness.

The tissues most commonly involved in lameness are muscles, tendons, ligaments, bones and nerves.

The muscles are elastic, and their component parts or fibres contract and expand to produce movement and propel the body. Tendons, which are extensions of muscles, are less elastic. Both are liable to overstretching or strain when rupture or breaking of some of the fibres takes place, causing lameness.

Lameness is also caused by bruising of these parts from direct injury by blows. Tendons, not being so elastic, are more frequently sprained than muscles. Ligaments usually bind joints together and are attached to the bones, but they may also join or reinforce tendons, a good example being the "check ligament" working in conjunction with the flexor tendons of the foreleg. Bone, being hard, is comparatively brittle and will only stretch or bend within very small limits; it contains a high proportion of mineral salts, the ratio increasing with age. Bony projections are frequently thrown out from bones of the legs of the horse, e. g. Splints, Spavins, Ringbones, etc. These enlargements may cause pressure on a joint, tendon or nerve, resulting in lameness, with possibly serious consequences.

Nerves are of two main types, motor and sensory. Motor nerves transmit impulses or messages from the brain, for example, to the muscles causing them to contract or expand. Sensory nerves transmit impulses to the brain from the skin indicating sensations such as pain.

**Location of the seat of lameness in the horse:**

This is often extremely difficult and

reasonable success can only be achieved after years of observation and practice.

It is of vital importance to adopt one routine method of examination and never vary it, otherwise it is easy to overlook one or more of the possible causes.

In the stable the horse may rest or "point" the lame leg (bear weight on the sound one and put the lame one forward). Have him trotted slowly away from you without any rug or covering, and head free. He will "drop" (bear heavily) on the sound leg, and tread lightly with pain on the affected one.

When trotting a lame horse, do it directly as he comes out of the stable after he has been resting. If he is allowed to walk about first the stiffness may wear off. Some forms of lameness are more apparent when the horse has rested awhile after doing hard work, so it is advisable to rest a horse that is being examined for at least half an hour after hard work or galloping, and then have him trotted out again.

A lame horse usually nods his head as he trots. That is to say, if lame in front, he drops his head as he puts the sound leg to the ground and raises it slightly as he puts the lame one down. If lame behind, he lowers his head slightly as the injured leg comes to the ground.

Examine the leg visually for any enlargement or deformity. Feel down the leg for signs of inflammation, i. e. heat, tenderness or swelling, and compare it with the sound one, bearing in mind the most common causes of lameness (Spavins, Ringbones, Strained Tendons and Sore Shins).

If the above examination proves negative, remove the shoe and carefully examine the foot for foreign bodies, nails, stones, or corns and other injuries to the sole and frog.

Remember that the causes of a very

high proportion of lameness are found in the foot.

### Injuries and diseases of the legs:

Horses' legs which have undergone strain and wear exhibit this in different ways, according to the work they have been doing.

Racehorses and hunters are subject to breakdown of their tendons and ligaments, caused by the severe strain these are put to in racing and hunting. The tension when jumping is enormous, but as long as this tension is steady and constant, no great harm is done. If the tension is suddenly increased, or the line of strain is altered, and the horse does not immediately adapt its muscles to the altered conditions, something is sure to give way. Fortunately, the tendons are usually the first to be affected; a few of the strands may snap, producing a strained tendon. Alternately, the whole tendon may part, producing a complete "breakdown". Occasionally a bone fractures, for example the pastern.

The causes of alteration to the even tension of the tendons are various; e. g. putting the foot in a hole; changing the leading leg; landing awkwardly when jumping; turning suddenly when going at a fast pace, etc. All these causes are aggravated when the horse is tired, as a result of unbalanced riding, or when the going is bad—the ground being dry and uneven, or wet and holding.

Racehorses show signs of wear by "standing over" at the knees, and having knotty tendons. When walking, they may catch their toes in the ground, due to stiffness from sore or bucked shins. This is another condition almost exclusively affecting young race horses. It is an inflammation of the surface of the cannon bone and is usually by concussion when galloping on hard ground in dry weather. Hunters will show signs of wear of the racehorse and also those of the horse doing work on the road.

### LAMENESS IN THE HOUND

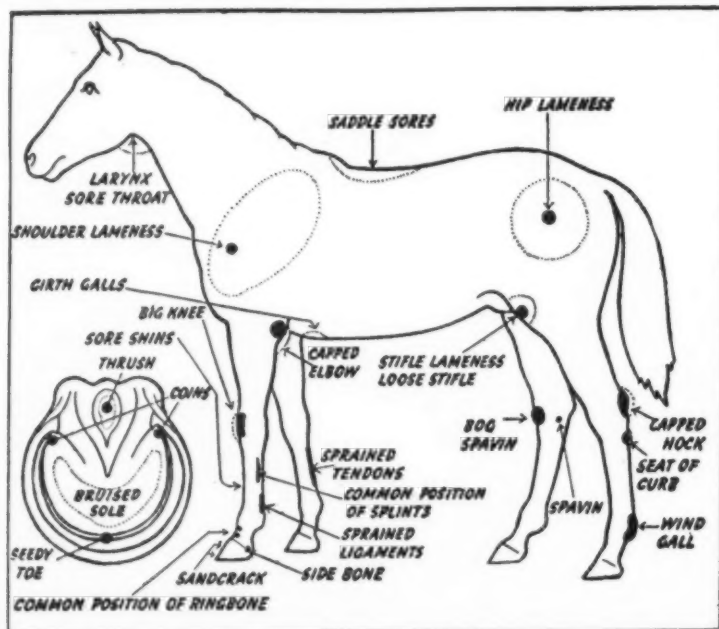
Lameness in the hound does not present nearly such a problem as in the horse. It is easier to diagnose because physical examination and manipulation are simpler. The hound only carries his own weight; balance and co-ordination of movement are not upset by the presence of a rider.

Bony enlargements which cause so much trouble in the horse are very uncommon.

The most common causes of lameness are sore or cut pads, injuries to the toe joints, strains, contusions, and occasionally fractures of bones which, in the vast majority of cases can be treated successfully with the modern methods of bone fixation.

It is important to carry out a routine examination of hounds, after they come in from hunting. Pay special attention to the feet and legs in order to detect slight injuries such as cuts, abrasions and foreign bodies, e. g. thorns. Immediate action must be taken to prevent any serious consequences resulting in infection.

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The Romeros have the stallion, Bel Revere up in that area and the Richards stand Green Flash at their farm. The record shows that the two studs beget quick, game runners.

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## Lameness

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tion, or penetration of any foreign body into the subcutaneous tissues necessitating an operation for its removal.

It is important that the kennels should be dry, well ventilated and provided with adequate clean bedding, to prevent the occurrence of capped elbows and hocks.

Rickets are caused by improper feeding—lack of vitamins, fresh air and correct exercise. Good management will prevent the occurrence of this condition.

### First Aid Treatment

Remember "prevention is better than cure". If your horse or hound is lamed, take immediate steps to prevent further damage, and locate the cause as quickly as possible.

In the case of strained tendons, probably the commonest cause of sudden lameness in racing and hunting, apply a supporting bandage immediately to stop any extension of the damage.

On returning to the stable or kennel saturate the leg in an astringent liniment and rebandage over cotton wool. The pressure must be even and it is wise to continue the bandage down to the coronet to prevent swelling between

the bottom of the bandage and the foot. Bruises should be treated in a similar manner.

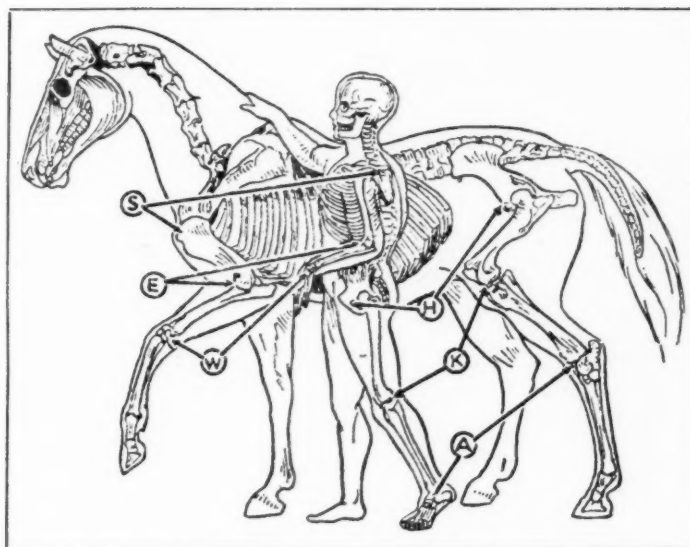
Cuts and abrasions must be thoroughly cleaned with a reliable antiseptic or normal saline (common salt 1 teaspoon-full, water 1 pint). Clip the hair over the wound and 1-2 inches around.

All Owners should keep a first aid kit, comprising:

- (1) Bandages a. Wool; b. Cotton; c. Adhesive (preferably incorporating an aseptic dressing.)
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- (3) Astringent lotion.
- (4) Aseptic dressings.
- (5) Antiseptic lotion.
- (6) Forceps suitable for extracting

thorns and barley grass awns from hounds.

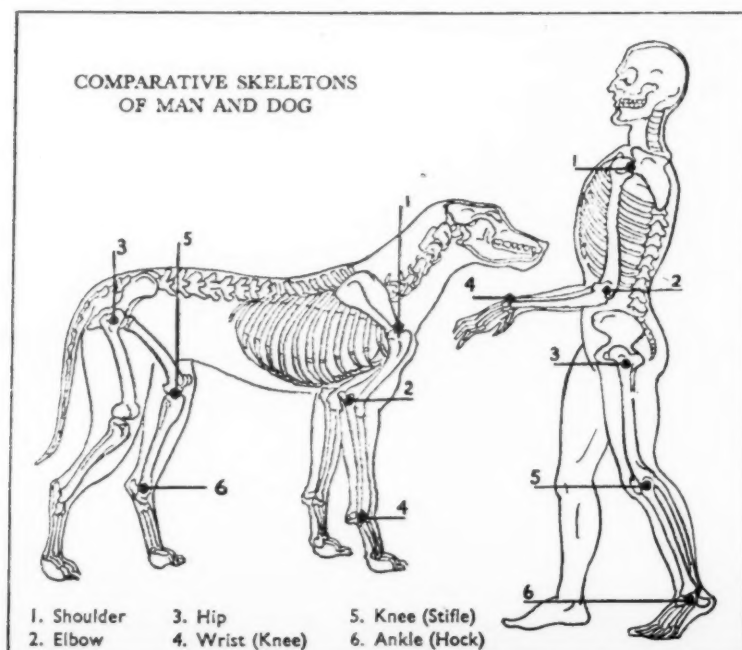
- (7) Blunt pointed scissors.



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## Dampierre Horns

# Stag Hunting In France

Lida Fleitman Bloodgood

Paris once embraced all of France for me—a Maytime Paris of blossoming chestnut trees and countless *fiacres* that rolled with jingling bells and whip-cracking *cochers* along the wood-paved streets from which the sun drew a faint smell of tar. Each spring, as a child, I played in the gardens of the Tuilleries or on the wide sand paths along the Avenue du Bois de Boulogne, exchanging the squirrels and roller skates of New York's Central Park for donkey rides, trips up the Eiffel tower and the munching of crisp sugar-coated *gaufres*. Only many years later did I ever see the French capital at any other season, or learn the beauty of its grey Mansard roofs slanting against a greyer winter sky; not until I was an adult and my parents had made their permanent home in France did I come to know the hushed glory of a French forest.

It was in the forest of Chantilly, a woodland very unlike those with which I was familiar in Maine or the Adirondacks, or that I had known in Germany or Switzerland; those were wild, but this as carefully tended as a park. Within its boundaries, long avenues, bordered by the lichen-grown trunks of towering trees, became Cathedral aisles of green, and wide *allées* enclosed between high walls of close-clipped yew ran like the spokes of some great wheel from a center hub or *carre*. In one such space, open to the sky, were gathered on this autumn day of which I write, two packs of hounds—for it was a joint meet of Prince Murat's "Rally Chambly" and Count Bertrand de Vallon's "Par Mont et Vallon". Around them stood some fifty mounted men and women in the costumes of a bygone day, eighteenth century figures posed against the browns

and purples of the woodland like those in some Beauvais tapestry; the men in blue or green with much gold galloon, their shoulders encircled by the glittering Dampierre horns, the women in tight-fitting bodices and tricornes trimmed with gold or silver lace.

It was a sight long to be remembered, preceded by one never to be forgotten—the blessing of the hounds.

For it was November 1st. It is then that the French hunting season opens with a day dedicated to the patron saint of the chase, St. Hubert, who like his Teutonic prototype, St. Eustache, was converted from a life devoted to hunting and frivolity by a vision of a milk white stag with a flaming crucifix between its antlers. For the occasion the little forest church of *La Morlaye* at Chantilly was hung with stag antlers and decorated with great oak branches the colour of old mahogany. Here I was privileged to hear sung that impressive *Messe avec fanfare* sacred to the sporting saint, in which the sweet voices of the choir-boys mingle with the haunting melody of the Dampierre horns played by *Sonneurs* in full hunt livery. How often in after years, when I heard that same metallic music ring out over the arena of the *Concours Hippique* in Paris, was I not carried back to that memorable mass at *La Morlaye*. Once again I could see the pale autumn sunshine filtering through stained glass on the kneeling figures of *Messieurs et Mesdames de l'équipage* in their picturesque clothes, and on the couple of hounds at the cancel rail, standing proudly erect on cat-like pads, beside the liveried *Valet de Chiens*. Once again I would hear the music of organ, voice and horn mingle

in that unique and never to be forgotten wave of sound.

The mass over, the hounds led the congregation slowly back into the open, where a rainbow ring of colour formed itself about the two assembled packs, the white of choir-cassock merging with the green and blue of the hunt liveries and the brown bay and grey of shiny horses' coats. While the wind murmured in the treetops like surf upon a distant shore, the priest gave his blessing to the day's sport.

It had all seemed so like some lovely pageant, some *tableaux vivant* on the stage that I only regained a sense of reality after I had mounted the Thoroughbred kindly loaned me by the La Montagnes, and had joined the long procession which led, by the Master or *Bon Veneur*—literally the Good Hunter—moved off into the woods.

We came to a halt in a *carre* where four avenues met, avenues that as far as the eye could see were now crowded with carriages, pony traps, gigs, farm carts, a four-in-hand or two, and numerous bicycles ridden by priests who, when hounds once started running, wheeled along the rides at racing speed, their black soutanes billowing out behind them like the flapping wings of crows. The spot where we paused and where the various *valet de chiens*, numbering two to every ten couple of hounds—unleashed their charges, was the place that had been designated as most probably harbouring our quarry, by the hunt-servant known as the *Valet de limiers*. If stag-hunting in a park-like forest, where it is *de rigueur* to remain only on the neatly swept paths, lacks the exhilaration of a fast gallop cross-country after a fox, or even a scramble through our Long Island scrub oak, it nevertheless represents one of the highest forms of venery and for the real hound-man leaves little to be desired in the way of interest. The French forests are full of deer and before a hunt starts, a stag of warrantable age must first be separated from his does or hinds. This is usually done very early in the morning by the *Valet de limiers* in charge of a couple of hounds called *limiers*, which correspond to the tufters used in hunting the wild red deer of England. The stag located, a report is made to the *Bon Veneur* and later in the day hounds are laid on at the spot indicated.

We had not stood more than a few minutes in the *carre* when the silence of the woods was broken by the wail of a horn—a stag had been viewed. Eager to be off on even terms with hounds, I did not wait to see what the rest of the field was doing but galloped off into the forest in the direction of the sound. The going was soft and springy, the underbrush so completely cleared away that it was easy to gallop fast between the soaring tree trunks.

At any moment I expected to be up with hounds. Then the horn sounded again—but from quite a different direction. Again and again it wailed, appearing to come from all four points of the compass at once. Or was it only an echo? In vain I tried to locate it, but only after I had galloped my horse into a lather and found myself back at the spot from which I started and confronting an immobile field, smiling sardonically at the antics of *la folle Americaine*, did I remember that I had seen not one, but a dozen Dampierre horns both in the church and at the meet. All of the members of the hunt are entitled to carry them and for those who understand their message each melody has its dis-

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THE IROQUOIS HUNT, Lexington, Ky.





THE SEDGEFIELD HUNT High Point, N. C. moves off as Huntsman George Thomas prepares to make the first cast on the Adams Farm. Nearest the huntsman is Joint-MFH Charles L. Kearns, and directly behind him are Dr. Smith and Field Master Kenneth Schwabenton.

(Photo by Miriam Rabb)

## Dampierre Horns

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tinctive meaning. As I was later to learn, many of the tunes with which the woods echoed and re-echoed that morning have historic names—such as *La Reine, La Discrete, La Petite Royale* and, rarest of all—*La Royale* announcing that the quarry ridden after is a stag of "twelve points". Like the southerners of Virginia and Carolina, or the native Long Islanders who, with their "fox-dogs" had once joined forces with my Smithtown pack, these French horsemen and women, though they seldom went faster than a canter in their 18th century costumes, and never left the carefully cleared avenues of their park-like forest, followed the hunt with the ear rather than with the eye. They stayed with hounds not in the flesh but in the spirit. I no longer marvelled when I heard it said that the old Duchess d'Uze's—already close to the century mark—could still ride "hard" to hounds. . . .

Once I had learnt the significance of the horn I too no longer chased its elusive sound. Nevertheless being unable entirely to restrain my impatience, I persisted in disregarding etiquette and occasionally rode off into the forest on my own. On one such excursion, as I was cantering along what seemed to be the high wall that bounded the forest, I heard a slight rustle and my horse made a violent shy to the left. With a mighty bound a great stag flew the wall directly in my path. For a moment he stood there, head raised, great brown eyes staring into mine as if beseeching me to save him from the hounds whose distant baying could now be faintly heard. Then noiselessly he sailed back again over the wall and was gone.

The hunt continued for hours with much galloping up and down the avenues and *allées*, during which time the stag attempted on several occasions to escape the confines of the forest, only to be headed back again by horsemen, carriages, coaches and bicycling priests. At last, worn and weary, he took soil in the mirror-like pond of the *Chateau de Bailion*—the chateau that in the long ago had been presented by Napoleon to the *Marechal de Moncey, Duc de Conigliano*. Here, encircled by a swimming ring of hounds, the stag met his end by a pistol shot, head still held high, eyes still staring off into the forest through which he would never roam again.

That evening, preceding a hunt ball

given at the *Hotel de Grand Condé*, there was held the traditional *Curée aux Flambeau* or torchlight barbecue at which hounds are given their reward and which derives its name from the fact that originally the carcass was cut up and laid out on the hide or *cuir*, hair side up. It takes place at night rather than in the day, because, at the time of Louis XV,—when the forest *allées* were decorated with love-scenes painted by famous artists,—the courtiers spent so many hours in amorous dalliance that few of them followed the stag, and fewer still would have appeared at the *curée*, had this been held immediately after the hunt.

In those days of splendour, the *Valets de chiens*, who surrounded the carcass of the dead stag and held the *flambeaux* or torches, were in powdered wigs and knee breeches, and those members of the equipage who forgot during the ceremony to remove their beautiful and valuable gloves edged with gold and silver, forfeited them to the *piqueurs*. Although at the rite I attended there were provided neither wigs, knee breeches nor gold-trimmed gloves, the ceremony was magnificent enough. Torches still illuminated gay costumes, and the *sonneurs*, lined up six to a side around the carcass, alternated in playing those

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## HORSE SHOWS

### Bennett—Vassar

The Bennett-Vassar annual Fall Horse Show, sponsored by the Bennett Junior College Riding Club, was held in Bennett's indoor ring Saturday. The show included classes for advanced, intermediate, and beginning riders, and all the classes were well filled.

Glenna Lee Maduro, of Bennett, easily won the horsemanship championship after winning all her equitation classes. Ann Chapman rode Royal Hill, one of the Bennett horses owned by riding master Robert Reynolds, to the hunter championship. Another Bennett horse, Butch, ridden by Glenna Maduro, and Polly Weil's Lucky were tied for the reserve hunter championship, but Polly's horse edged out the Bennett horse in a final test between the two.

#### CORRESPONDENT DIANE SWANSON

PLACE: Millbrook, N. Y.  
TIME: December 11.  
JUDGES: Mrs. Alvin Lindsay, Mr. Carl Schilling, Mr. Edgar L. Rachlin.  
HORSEMANSHIP CH.: Glenna Lee Maduro.  
RES.: Ann Chapman.  
HUNTER CH.: Royal Hill, Bennett Jr. College Riding Club.  
RES.: Lucky, Polly Weil.

#### SUMMARIES

Hunter hacks—1. Royal Hill, Bennett; 2. Butch, Bennett; 3. Lucky, Polly Weil, Vassar; 4. Happy Talk, Mary Litchfield, Vassar.  
Advanced horsemanship—1. Glenna Lee Maduro, Bennett; 2. Ann Chapman, Bennett; 3. Leigh Moeser, Bennett; 4. Lauren Edger, Bennett.  
Intermediate horsemanship—1. Carita Allen, Bennett; 2. Mary McCormick, Vassar; 3. Bunny Cann, Vassar; 4. Julie Arnold, Vassar.  
Advanced horsemanship over fences—1. Glenna Lee Maduro, Bennett; 2. Polly Weil, Vassar; 3. Mary Litchfield, Vassar; 4. Joan McHenry, Vassar.  
Intermediate horsemanship over fences—1. Nancy Lowe, Vassar; 2. Barbara Barwick, Bennett; 3. Cathy Alexander, Vassar; 4. Lisa Becker, Bennett.  
Working hunters—1. Lucky; 2. Royal Hill; 3. Butch; 4. Entry.  
Beginner's horsemanship—1. Chase Coleman, Vassar; 2. Jean Strohsahl, Bennett; 3. Gretchen Hurlburt, Bennett; 4. Entry.  
Handy hunter—1. Red Dawn, Joan McHenry, Vassar; 2. Royal Hill, Bennett; 3. Tweed, Bennett; 4. Brown Jack, Bennett.  
Pairs of hacks—1. Royal Hill, Brown Jack, Bennett; 2. Lucky, Legislator, Vassar; 3. Butch, Popeye, Bennett; 4. Entry.  
Hunt pairs—1. Princess, Butch, Bennett; 2. Royal Hill, Brown Jack, Bennett.  
Bareback horsemanship—1. Glenna Lee Maduro, Bennett; 2. Joan McHenry, Vassar; 3. Entry; 4. Entry.

### Buffalo

The second of a winter series of horse shows was held in December at the Buffalo Saddle and Bridle Club. The small shows are usually pretty well attended and are good experience for young horses also the children have a good opportunity to get some show experience. No one had any particular monopoly on the ribbons at the most recent show San-Joy Farms took both honors in the two hunter classes, Diane Victor was high scorer in the horsemanship division and

each jumping class had an entirely different winner lineup.

#### CORRESPONDENT MIKE KELLEY

PLACE: Buffalo, N. Y.  
JUDGE: Mr. William C. Faugh, Jr.

#### SUMMARIES

Novice jumpers—1. Renadelle, Claire Lang Miller; 2. Easter Wave, Meadow Lane Stables; 3. Painted Lady, Kitsy Crandall; 4. Sleepless Night, David G. Forman.  
Children's jumpers—1. Lady Bing, W. W. Schmitt; 2. Early Hour, David G. Forman; 3. That's My Boy, Lisan Jacobs; 4. Skyhigh, Nell Ely.  
Open jumpers—1. Killarney, Ken Merle; 2. Ethel M., San Joy; 3. Replica, San Joy; 4. Phantom Lady, Cecil Kingsley.  
Open jumpers—1. Fortismio, Rita Klingenstein; 2. Pop Eye, Roy Smith; 3. Renadelle; 4. Sun Briar, Jerry Jacobs.  
Progressive jumping—1. Ethel M.; 2. Killarney; 3. Big Deal, San Joy; 4. Phantom Lady.  
Knock-down-and-out—1. Pop Eye; 2. Fortismio; 3. Phantom Lady; 4. Ethel M.  
Working hunters—1. Hunters Luck, San Joy; 2. Sleepless Night; 3. Easter Wave; 4. Renadelle.  
Hunter hack—1. Hunter's Luck; 2. Sleepless Night; 3. Renadelle; 4. Titian Mist, Henry C. Moffat.  
Horsemanship under 10 yrs.—1. Jenny Moffat; 2. Jennifer Jacobs; 3. Linda Kellogg; 4. Susan Young.  
Horsemanship 12-18—1. Lynn Wilson; 2. Donna Atwill; 3. Joanne Meyer; 4. Sylvia Hibbard.  
Horsemanship hunter seat—1. Diane Victor; 2. Peter C. Schmitt; 3. William W. Schmitt; 4. Jeff Fravenheim.  
ASPCA horsemanship over jumps—1. Diane Victor; 2. Nell Ely; 3. William W. Schmitt; 4. Marlyn Schutrun.

### Chicago International

The International Horse Show at Chicago exhibited more quality horses in the hunter classes than has been seen here in many years. The show is always well

attended—topping 8,000 every night. This year the enthusiasm of the crowds for the hunter and jumper classes indicate the management might well consider increasing the number of such classes.

The hunter stake was won by the Virginia bred 4-year-old gelding **Suggestion** by \*Barred UMBER, owned by Cummins-Chicago Corp. and ridden by Dorothy Macleod. Another \*Barred UMBER, 7-year-old colt **Snow Storm** won the Corinthian Class ridden by that capable young rider Lynn Belnap.

One of the very nice midwest conformation hunters ridden by Claranell Jones, **Count To Ten**, won two blue ribbons and was second in the conformation stake class. **Count To Ten** is a typical example of the improved conformation horses that are being owned and showed in Chicagoland. Conformation classes are not so easily won here as they were a few years back. It now takes a good looking, well going hunter to be in the ribbons.

The jumper stake was won by **Pill Box** owned and ridden by Charles Dennehy, Jr. The jumper classes were otherwise divided among the various good jumpers, including A. B. C. Farms', **Black Velvet**, two blues, and Cummins' **Business Machine**, three blues.

PLACE: Chicago, Illinois.  
TIME: November 26-December 4.  
JUDGES: Arthur McCashin, B. E. Hopper.

#### SUMMARIES

Open working hunter—1. Count to Ten, Cummins-Chicago Corp; 2. Doncha Dare, Rittwood Stables; 3. Perforation, Claranell Jones; 4. My Surprise, Nick Angelacos.  
Corinthian—1. Snow Storm, Cummins-Chicago  
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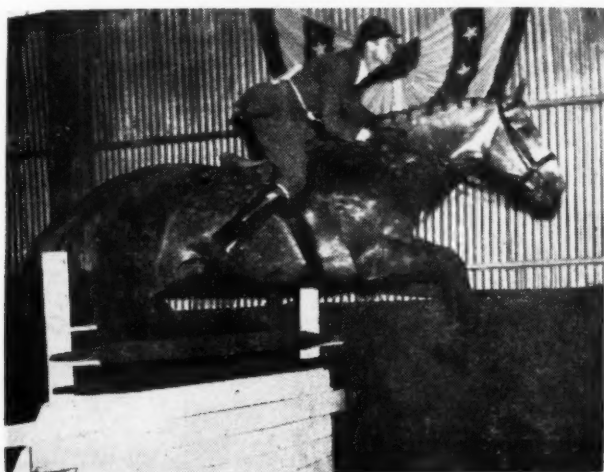
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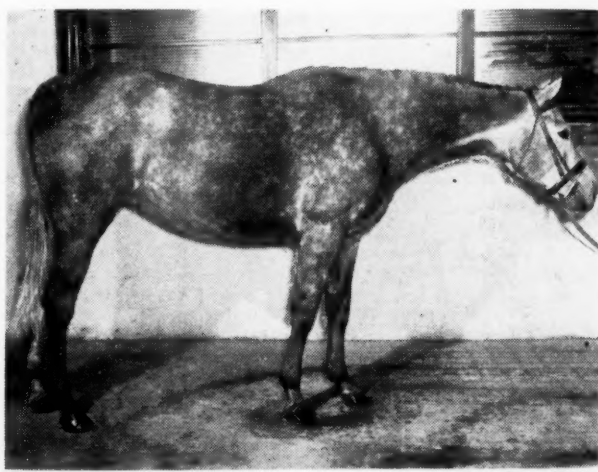
Equitation champion of Zone II, **MISS ALICE SCOTT**, with her mount, Sandpiper.



Owner-rider Tom Gayford and **TOUCH-DOWN**, the open jumper champion of Zone II, for the 1954 season.



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Dr. & Mrs. J. B. Chassels' **COLALPEN** (left) and **VALLEY SIGN**, green conformation champion and reserve.



## Horse Shows

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Corp; 2. Dil-Dou-Kee, Cummins-Chicago Corp; 3. Bard of Kiev, Cummins-Chicago Corp; 4. Suggestion, Cummins-Chicago Corp.

Ladies conformation hunters—1. Count to Ten; 2. Snow Storm; 3. Perforation; 4. Doncha Dare.

Middle & heavyweight conformation—1. Central Drive; 2. Dil-Dou-Kee; 3. Perforation; 4. Gabby Long, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph R. Krepper.

Lightweight conformation—1. Doncha Dare; 2. Suggestion; 3. Bard of Kiev; 4. Snow Storm.

\$1000 hunter stake—1. Suggestion; 2. Count to Ten; 3. Doncha Dare; 4. Central Drive.

Open jumpers—1. Business Machine, Cummins-Chicago Corp; 2. Black Watch, Charles Dennehy, Jr.; 3. Cadet, George Jayne; 4. Pill Box, Charles Dennehy, Jr.

Open jumpers, over jumps, with tick strips—1. Black Velvet; 2. Ben Hur, Interstate Supply Co.; 3. My Surprise; 4. Check Signer, Cummins-Chicago Corp.

Touch-&-out—1. Business Machine; 2. Check Signer; 3. Red Velvet, A. B. C. Farms; 4. Black Velvet.

Open jumpers—1. Check Signer; 2. Pill Box; 3. Ben Hur; 4. Happy Day.

Handy jumpers—1. Happy Day; 2. Bold Venture; 3. Black Velvet; 4. Cadet.

\$300 amateur jumper stake—1. Incognito, Ronald Sabath; 2. Anything But That, Joyce Ruthy; 3. Dil-Dou-Kee, Elise Noonan; 4. Catch Me, Donald Marzano.

Open jumpers—1. Hudson Bay; 2. Cadet; 3. Happy Day; 4. Jacobs Ladder, Charles Dennehy, Jr.

Jumpers knock-down-&-out—1. Black Velvet; 2. Happy Day; 3. Ben Hur; 4. Pill Box; 5. Red Velvet.

Jumpers touch-&-out—1. Business Machine; 2. Happy Day; 3. Little Chief; 4. My Surprise.

\$1,000 jumper stake—1. Pill Box; 2. Black Velvet; 3. Sunny Day; 4. Cadet.

## Homestead

Miss Patty Read was the star of the Homestead Stables Fall Show. She ended the show with both the horsemanship and working hunter tri-colors after taking the blues in every one of her classes—six in all. Patty won the A. H. S. A. medal class, her third victory in the event this year making her the first junior to qualify for next year's Garden. Since Pat was 18 on January 14, she had a race to qualify for the medal class and she just beat out the date.

The pony tri-color went to Miss Sue Archibald's smooth-going little bay, Minute Man, winner of the working hunter and hack classes.

Hanover Farm Stable's Cherry came in for the open jumper tri-color after taking the blue in the knock-down-and-out class.

### CORRESPONDENT PETE KESSLER

PLACE: Millburn, New Jersey.

TIME: December 11.

JUDGE: William G. Loeffler.

HORSEMANSHIP CH: Patty Read.

RES.: Lynn Hardy.

WORKING HUNTER CH: Spur Benz, Patty Read.

RES.: Clan Gordon, Chado Farm.

JUMPER CH: Cherry, Hanover Farm Stable.

RES.: Chado, Chado Farm.

PONY CH: Minute Man, Sue Archibald.

RES.: Sh-Boom, Lynn Hardy.

### SUMMARIES

Limit working hunters—1. Spur Benz, Patty Read; 2. Jingles, Betsy Ann Millman; 3. Golden Discovery, Nils Lommerin; 4. Main Switch, Jon Lommerin.

Limit jumpers—1. Little Bedford, Thom Brede; 2. My Gamble, Chado Farm; 3. Chado, Chado Farm; 4. John's Folly, John Weiss.

Hunter seat horsemanship 14 & under—1. Betsy Ann Millman; 2. Sue Archibald; 3. George Converse; 4. Pat Norman.

Pony jumpers—1. Champ, Pat Norman; 2. Minute Man, Sue Archibald; 3. Peanut Brittle, Judy Graef; 4. Mommy Blue, Tommy Hardy.

Working hunter hacks—1. Spur Benz; 2. Jingles; 3. Main Switch; 4. Golden Discovery.

ASPCA horsemanship—1. Betsy Ann Millman; 2. George Converse; 3. Nils Lommerin; 4. Sue Archibald.

Pony hunter hacks—1. Sh-Boom, Lynn Hardy; 2. Minute Man; 3. Mommy Blue; 4. Champ.

A. H. S. A. medal—1. Patty Read; 2. Betsy Ann Millman; 3. George Converse; 4. John Ballou.

Knock-down-and-out—1. Cherry, Hanover Farm Stables; 2. My Gamble; 3. John's Folly; 4. Chado.

Open working hunters—1. Spur Benz; 2. Clan

Gordon, Chado Farm; 3. Recall, Oakland Military Academy; 4. Snow Ball, John Ballou.

Open horsemanship—1. Patty Read; 2. Lynn Hardy; 3. Betsy Ann Millman; 4. Nils Lommerin.

Pony hunter—1. Minute Man; 2. Sh-Boom; 3. Champ; 4. Mommy Blue.

Working hunter—1. Spur Benz; 2. Clan Gordon; 3. John's Folly; 4. Golden Discovery.

Jumper sweepstakes—1. Chado; 2. Cherry; 3. My Gamble; 4. Little Bedford.

## Oswego

Once in a while it's nice to have a show strictly for fun and such an affair was the event planned by Don Hansen, manager at Lake Oswego Hunt, for hunter and jumper enthusiasts in the area. No braiding, no points, no conformation classes or money prizes to worry about. Outstanding class was the novice working hunter class, where we got a chance to view some of the really green horses that will be showing in 1955. Winner was Rudy Gross' Danny O'Day, a willing long-striding Thoroughbred which really did some fencing. Another interesting class was the green working hunters which was won by Ray Hall's Frankie O'C. Both these horses will bear watching in the next season. In the jumper section folks were happy to see Gerry Smith back in the saddle and winning the novice class on a real green one by the name of Better Luck or Lonesome Pole Cat (we never could get the authentic name for sure).

### CORRESPONDENT SHOW BIRD

PLACE: Oswego, Oregon.

TIME: December 22.

JUDGES: Mrs. K. S. Palmer, Max Manchester, W. I. Wallingford.

### SUMMARIES

Novice working hunter—1. Danny O'Day, Rudy Gross; 2. Frankie O'C, Ray Hall; 3. Powder Monkey, Donald Kerron.

Purple riders—1. Julia Blodgett; 2. Robert Ferry; 3. Stuart Lewin.

Green working hunters—1. Frankie O'C; 2. Red Forest, Charles Erickson; 3. Better Luck, G. Smith.

Working hunters—1. Ridge Runner, Mrs. Robert Ferry; 2. Spanish Hill, Dan Creary; 3. Danny O'Day.

Novice jumpers—1. Better Luck; 2. Clancy, Claire McNalley; 3. Colonel Gish, Sharon Fredricks.

Working hunter pairs—1. Frankie O'C & Powder Monkey; 2. Copper King, Bill O'Connell.

Good News, Bill Wilson; 3. Duke of Hampton, Robt. Ferry, Danny O'Day.

Open jumpers—1. Copper King; 2. B'S Big Red, Col. Rid. Academy; 3. Ridge Runner.

## West Hills

The December 12th Open Horse Show of the West Hills Hunt Club was a huge success judging from the great number of entries and enthusiasm of participants. The show was held at the Michel Manesco Stables which deserve a great deal of credit for getting the ring in good shape following the previous few days' rain. Hunter and jumper courses, designed by "Mike" Manesco, provided an excellent variety of fences. Mr. Clyde

Kennedy did a fine job of judging and tied the ribbons so that the show proceeded right on schedule.

The junior working hunters drew the largest number of entries of the day, and was won by Judy Francisco on Francis. Both horse and rider performed with ease, turning in a smooth performance. The Corinthian class for the West Hills Challenge Bowl was won by Manesco Estates' Periscope with Celia Thorsen up. Miss Thorsen had a busy day, riding in just about every one of the twelve classes on the programme. Final class of the day was an open jumper event with money being divided among the first four places. The blue was carried off by tiny Peewee Frankel on Pickwick Stables' Colonel Buttons. This good young rider is always a great favorite with the spectators, appearing hardly large enough to get her legs around her big horse.

The West Hills Hunt Club holds about six shows each season with the rider accumulating the highest number of points during the season being awarded a championship trophy. Miss Doreen Abbott was announced as high point winner of the 1953-54 season and was presented with a handsome trophy by vice-president Larry Quinlan. Members of the West Hill Club worked hard to make their show a success, and all deserve the highest credit for their efforts.

### CORRESPONDENT Evelyn F. Hill

PLACE: Los Angeles, California

TIME: Dec. 12, 1954

JUDGE: Clyde Kennedy

JR. WORKING HUNTER CH: Francis, Judy Francisco

### SUMMARIES

Children's horsemanship, 12 yrs. & under—Ann Ulrich; 2. Ronny Aikens; 3. Joan Wohlster; 4. Susan Ulrich; 5. Wendy Mairs.

Children's horsemanship, 18 yrs. & under—1. Della Thorsen; 2. Linda Boughton; 3. Joan Kennedy; 4. Peewee Frankel; 5. Ann Ulrich.

Junior working hunters—1. Francis, Judy Francisco; 2. Peter Pan, Mary Mairs; 3. Diana Dee, Ronny Aikens; 4. Sotterly, Joan Kennedy.

Novice working hunters—1. Diamond Lil, Pat Crowe; 2. Mahmoo, Manesco Stables; 3. O'Henry, Pickwick Stables; 4. Christmas Present, Pickwick Stables.

Novice jumpers—1. The Huntsman, Norman Berliner; 2. All Clear, Maurens Coleman; 3. Christmas Present; 4. Diana Dee.

Open hunters—1. Diamond Lil; 2. Wishful Thinking, Mrs. Sidney Entz; 3. Christmas Present; 4. Periscope, Manesco Stables.

Hunter hack—1. My Lady, Onondarka Stables; 2. Mahmoo; 3. Tony Ann Ulrich; 4. Kentyette, M. Gerry.

Corinthian class—1. Periscope; 2. Diamond Lil; 3. Royal Oak, Manesco Stables; 4. Count Tip, Selia Thorsen.

Road hacks—1. J. T. Jimmy House; 2. Tony; 3. Mahmoo; 4. My Lady.

Open working hunters—1. Honey Boy, Manesco Stables; 2. Christmas Present; 3. The Huntsman; 4. Count Tip.

Hunt teams—1. Entry, Dottie Williams, Joan Kennedy, Corinne Chandler; 2. Entry, Mary Mairs, Celia Thorsen, Judy Benz.

Open jumper—1. Colonel Buttons, Peewee Frankel; 2. Gadabout, Harold Farren; 3. All Clear; 4. Francis.

High point rider of 1953—Doreen Abbot.

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## The Somerset Hills Pony Club, Inc.

### Response To Questionnaire Proves Overwhelming Seventy Children Attend And Join On Spot

In the spring of 1953, Col. Howard Fair asked Mrs. H. Nelson Slater, Jr., of Far Hills, at that time Hunt Secretary of the Essex Foxhounds to form a Pony Club for the district. Mrs. Slater appointed Mrs. Philip B. Hofmann, Mrs. de Coursey Fales and Mrs. Lester W. Perrin as a committee to see what could be done.

In September the Committee was enlarged to a dozen and it was decided to send out a questionnaire. A list was compiled of about a hundred families with children of suitable ages and they were asked to signify their interest and the point most convenient to them for rallies. An overwhelmingly favorable response was received.

The Committee then decided to start with a dismounted rally in the Christmas holidays in the form of a tea at the

teen with about forty mounts, attended this March Rally. It was a great success and lasted all day. Luckily, it was a lovely spring one, picnic lunches were enjoyed by all and the afternoon was enlivened by a gymkhana, with potato races, musical chairs, and a directed tour and lecture on stable management by Mr. George Neilands.

After this initial rally, the membership having reached the unwieldy total of one hundred and thirty, it was necessary to subdivide into three groups: 1st Division, children who can ride well enough to hunt. 2nd Division, children who can ride unattended. 3rd Division, lead-line and children who have never ridden.

From this point on, one rally succeeded the other, sometimes two or

at the Far Hills Horse Show at Mr. George Burns' for the 1st and 2nd divisions, jumping and non-jumping. For this event Col. Fair and Mrs. Arthur Hanna came up from Pennsylvania and after the 2 Pony Club classes were judged, devoted at least two hours to a most painstaking examination of each child present, about forty in all, and supplied the instructors with detailed notes on each child.

But the problems grew. First of all, our Pony Club takes in far too large an area, the membership extending from Montclair to Whitehouse. It is absurd to have a Pony Club where the members have to van to a Rally. Even our original district, the Somerset Hills, is much too large. It comprises Mendham, Bernardsville, Peapack-Gladstone, Far Hills, Bedminster, Oldwick and Pottersville.

The second problem probably exists in all Pony Clubs. No sooner does school end than half the members depart for the summer and the flies and hot weather move in to plague the remaining Pony Club members and instructors. In the autumn, as soon as school begins, only the week-ends are available and these are difficult for rallies due to hunting on Saturday. Later comes the bad weather so actually only the spring is a really satisfactory time for Pony Club activities.

We have been incorporated, listed all our members with the U. S. Pony Club and paid their dues and received the Pony Club pin for all of them.

At this point we will explain why we have the name "Somerset Hills Pony Club" (under the auspices of the Essex



(Carl Klein Photo)

Somerset Hills Pony Club members placing second in the hunt team class (for adults) at the Essex Fox Hounds Hunter Trials—Carol Hofmann, age 11, on The Kitten, Anne Alexandre on Clifton's Peggy, and Judy Hofmann, age 15, on Lady Ardmore.

Essex Hunt Club, with a colored film procured by Mrs. Slater from The Jockey Club and a conducted tour through the kennels and lecture on hounds by the huntsman, Wm. (Buster) Chadwell. At least seventy children attended and joined on the spot.

In February, our children were asked to compete in a drawing contest given by the Radnor Pony Club and a number of our members went down to see a real working rally. There were several hundred exhibitors and one of our members, Vieve Christy took second prize.

Our first mounted rally was held in March, in the spring vacation at Mr. Clarence Dillon's. By this time, Mrs. Arthur McCashin had accepted the post of District Commissioner, Miss Henrietta Schenck, Regional Supervisor, and Mrs. Slater Visiting Commissioner.

About eighty children from six to six-

teen the same week-end but always for different divisions. During 1954 twenty-six rallies have been held in all, of which perhaps half a dozen were dismounted. These latter included an evening meeting at Mrs. Hofmann's with films sent by the Canadian Pony Club and a talk by Mr. McCashin, a visit to Miss Virginia Brice's stable with a lecture on tack-cleaning and care of horse, especially on return from hunting. Also a talk on hunting by our M. F. H., Mrs. Charles Scribner. Mrs. Fales and Mrs. Perrin had the third division several times each. This division numbering forty was again subdivided so that only about a dozen came to each rally; some ponies were borrowed as this division naturally owned the fewest ponies. Many of the older children assisted and brought their ponies.

In June, there was a pony club class

Foxhounds.") The original committee chose this name as the district covered was so much greater than the Hunt territory and was to be entirely in Somerset County where this name is much used. If we had called it the Essex Pony Club, many would place it in Essex County or confuse it with "the Essex Troop of Sount Orange." The Essex Foxhounds, as everyone knows, originated in Essex County, but kept their name, when they moved out to Somerset County a half-century ago.

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## Young Entry Hunting Notes

### Mr. Stewart's Cheshire Foxhounds

Monday, December 27th, was the Cheshire's annual Children's Day Meet. From the fox hunting side it was significant only for the size of field—80 and more children mounted on everything from pint sized Shetlands to 17 hand hunters. This was quite a sight.

At the meet at Mr. Clement Hoopes, Master David Hoopes passed a hat containing neatly folded slips of papers all blank except for 3 that were printed with the words "huntsman, whipper-in, and Field Master". Master Billy Turner, a regular with the Cheshire drew the huntsman slip, Miss Shelia Wall from Rose Tree drew the whipper-in slip and Miss Ruthanne Calhoun from the Derbydown Riding School drew the Field Master position. With a frustrating south wind covert after covert was drawn blank, but the country hunted provided ample jumping, which gave the enthusiastic field a glorious opportunity to expend their energies.

When a fox was finally found in Barnard's Thicket, adjoining Mrs. Josiah Marvel's ex house, now owned by Mrs. J. B. H. Thouron, it had the good grace to run to the James swamp and return to Barnard's Thicket in full view of the field with the pack in full cry close behind. This afforded the uninitiated the chance to know "for what one foxhunts". Although the fox crossed the cinder road into Stony Battery, scent soon failed and though hounds perseveringly cold trailed the line towards the Sheep Hill, the fox beat them and it was best to call it a day. Mrs. Hoopes made the somewhat dismal hunt seem a tremendous success by supplying an untold amount of hamburgers and doughnuts at tea.

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### Essex Fox Hounds

As has been the custom with the Essex for the last few years, every Monday during August and the first three weeks in September is designated a Children's Day, adults being invited to hunt but also being requested to remain in the back of the field unless accompanying a child. On each of these days, some young person under 17 is appointed Acting Master, thereby gaining valuable hunting experience in performing the difficult task of taking charge of the field and at the same time keeping in touch with hounds without interfering with the Huntsman.

Monday, August 30, the Pony Club was invited to hunt in force. Helen McCashin and Henrietta Schenck, who have done an outstanding job in organizing

the Club and building it up in this area, had 35 acceptances, but heavy rains early in the morning (the meet was at the Dillon Stable at 6:30) cut the figure down somewhat. However, with several picking up hounds later in the day, the field was eventually counted at 28 children and about a dozen adults. Many enthusiastic youngsters—all of them surprisingly good riders—who had never

seen hounds before, had themselves a very obviously good time. Deborah Winston, 15 and a veteran fox-hunter, was Acting Master and acquitted herself with distinction. There was a hunt breakfast afterward at the Dillon Stable, furnished—and enjoyed by—the Pony Club.

#### Highlights

Labor Day, though a holiday, was also  
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## Thoughts On Riding

### 1. Accidents And Teaching

Judith Barczy Gyurky

I have the feeling at times that too little is said about the question of accidents in riding. Try to avoid them, keep quiet horses, don't feed them too much oats, buy safe old nags, get them used to voice commands, etc. . . hundreds of different kinds of advice are given. . . even to the use of Western saddles in camps so that the children can hold on to the pommel. All this is fine; but to avoid accidents in the long run I know only two means. 1. Give a thorough, sound, and unified course of good teaching on horses suitable to the stage of progress of the rider. 2. Good, well-trained, educated instructors, men and women whose aim in life is teaching and who become riding instructors because of their love for the sport and for horses, and not because they cannot place themselves elsewhere.

It is appalling how, in only too many summer camps, girls and boys, who have no idea of the correct ways (which are the safe ways) of riding, are employed to teach. Many thousands of children are entrusted to these "counselors" or

who can make swimming gestures with its arms as it walks along the lake bottom that it can swim. It is even more dangerous, because if someone sees that a swimmer is in trouble, he can swim to the rescue or throw a life belt and save the person. In riding, if a rider gets in trouble, the instructor can not grow wings and soar over the falling rider, keep it suspended in mid-air like Mohammed's coffin.

I can only suggest uniformly rated good instructors. The N. S. G. W. S. Riding Committee holds periodic centers in various parts of the country at which it issues ratings to prospective teachers. It is also helpful in placing or getting riding staff for college, schools, and camps, and tack from good, reliable sources.

I further think that the riding teachers are badly underpaid. People should be willing to pay adequate fees to persons to whose care the safety of a child is entrusted.

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### Essex

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turned over to the children since it was a Monday. The day was fair and hot, and some 30 children and 25 adults turned



(Evelyn Hill Photo)

Whip Peggy Goemans and Huntsman Audrey Scott throw meat to the hounds at kill of West Hills Junior Drag. Background left to right, Ann Ulrich, Mary Mairs, Judy Benz and Dexter Williams.

teachers either on the basis or hope that the horses under their care are spiritless nags which will only jog along anyway, or merely trusting to a lucky star.

Does anyone think of the danger when the children leave these camps with certificates that they can ride, and even "ribbons"? After all, the first prize is a relative affair. It might mean, and should mean, the best of the good riders, but it can also mean the least incompetent of the bad riders. At home these children are open to accidents the moment that their clutching, kicking heels, and their untaught jerking hands get in touch with any "horse", even a peacefully disposed one. Do people think of the fact that before a child can swim freely, it is tested and taught by swimming teachers O. K'ed by the Red Cross? Sending home a child with the idea that it can ride when all it can do is hold on to an old nag is like telling a person

out at 7 a. m. for the meet at the William Van Deventers'. It was a day of good sport, with Philip Allen, Acting Master, doing an excellent job at the head of his big field. Mr. and Mrs. Van Deventer gave a hunt breakfast for the children.

Grown-up followers noticed with considerable chagrin that during the early part of the season the field on Children's Days was generally quieter, more attentive to hounds, and inclined to do less coffee-housing than on some of the regular days when the under-seventeens were not in command. — P. W.

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### West Hills

The younger generation took over at the December 18th meet of the West Hills hounds when a junior hunt was held at George Burns' Hurdle Dale

## The Whys Of Foxhunting

Elizabeth Ober

The going is more treacherous during the winter hunting months than earlier in the season, as it is frozen on some days and thawed on others. The in between days when the ground is greasy are even more dangerous. To avoid unnecessary falls and injuring his horse, a fox-hunter should make certain his horse is shod with heels before taking him out on frozen or greasy going. When a horse's shoes are smooth, he can't help slipping and sliding into fences which is extremely hazardous. It is as frightening to the horse as to his rider for a horse is equally as afraid of falling. Many a horse has had his nerve destroyed through having been hunted on frozen going is smooth shoes. He needs heels on his shoes too in order to negotiate hills and he should be ridden straight down them. When a horse negotiates a hill on an angle his hind feet are apt to slip out from under him in a way which may injure him. Another hazard which should be avoided is frozen ruts as a horse's foot can easily become caught in one and he will be thrown. Bogs too are tricky as a horse will break through the ones which are partially frozen and be apt to injure himself. But since the most outstanding hunts frequently occur during the winter months and shouldn't be missed, ride carefully but boldly.

Farms in the San Fernando Valley. There was a good turnout of young riders ranging from 6 years up, as well as a number of interested spectators. Huntsman Audrey Scott acted as master and Whips were Judy Francisco and Peggy Goemans, with Dottie Williams acting as field master. The drag, laid by regular whip Paul Crockett, ran across ploughed ground and out over the lovely rolling countryside surrounding the Burns estate. The young riders proved their mettle by keeping up with the hounds, and all, even down to the youngest, seemed to be in perfect control of his or her mount.

The West Hills Hunt is assured of a great future with such enthusiastic juniors as Dottie Williams, Peggy Goemans, Marie, Ann, and Susan Ulrich, Judy Benz, Mary Mairs, tiny Dexter Williams and Stephan Satterlee, and a host of others. — Evelyn Hill





(Willard H. Porter Photo)

Stanford and Phoenix in action in the final game of the Tucson indoor polo tournament. Juan Reynal (right), Stanford, has possession of the ball as Col. Jim Owens and Bob Dwyer (Phoenix) try to get into the play to hook his shot. Stanford won 12-0.



(Willard H. Porter Photo)

The Stanford team receiving championship trophy from Mrs. George W. Hilliard, (l. to r.): Dave Duff, Juan Reynal, Tony Mills and Hal Henderson.

## Five Indoor Teams Compete In Recent Arizona Tournament

Willard H. Porter

Five indoor polo teams—Stanford University of Arizona, Colorado A & M, Phoenix Polo Club, and Pima County Polo Club—met in the first invitational indoor polo tournament at Tucson, Arizona, on December 26-29. The teams were invited to Tucson to play by members of Pima County Polo Club.

On the first day a round-robin competition was held between Phoenix, U. of A. and P. C. P. C. The Phoenix team, consisting of Link Brigham, Russell (Skip) Drowne and Bob Dwyer, tallied the greatest number of points. This team made 11 points, compared to P. C. P. C.'s 8 and of A's 5 points.

The next day Stanford walloped Colorado A & M by a score of 11-5. Tony Mills and Juan Reynal, each with 3 points, were the high-point men for Stanford. Dave Duff and Hal Henderson, also Stanfordites, each scored 2 points. There was one pony goal.

Jim Roth of Colorado scored 2 points and Jim Denson and Buck Draper each scored 1 point. There was also one pony goal for Colorado.

On December 28 Colorado A & M came back in fine style to whip the Arizona university's mallet men by a score of 6-1. Again Roth was high scorer with 2 goals. Denson also sunk 2 goals, and Jerry Kefler tallied the fifth point. A pony scored the sixth point.

In this match, Arizona lost the services of its star player and captain, Jim Cowan, in the second chukker. Cowan was accidentally hit in the mouth by a mallet. He was momentarily knocked unconscious. Before his injury, which necessitated his leaving the game, he scored Arizona's only goal.

The finals of the invitational tournament, between Stanford and Phoenix, were played on December 29. In a very one-sided game—the score was 12-0—Stanford, led in scoring by Mills (with 6 points), won easily. Several times Phoenix came close to scoring, but lady luck and everything else seemed to go against this team that day, and the team ended up scoreless. Bob Dwyer, Skip Drowns, and Colonel Jim Owens were playing for Phoenix.

Besides Tony Mills, Juan Reynal, team captain who scored 3 goals, and Dave Duff (1 point), and Hal Henderson (sub-

stitute who scored 2 points) played the game for Stanford. This team, naturally, made the classiest showing of any team trio in the tournament. They are hard, aggressive players, and they compete with superb team work—always spread out, always in position, always waiting for the other guy's shot.

Even though some of the matches were pretty one-sided affairs, the tournament was hailed as a great success and more such events are in the offing for the future. All the players enjoyed themselves as did the small but enthusiastic crowds of polo fans who watched the games.

## U. S. Polo Association Merges With Indoor Polo Association Of America

A merger which had been under discussion for several years was solved yesterday when it was disclosed that the outdoor group, and the Indoor Polo Association of America henceforth will operate as one body.

At a meeting of members of both associations at the Racquet and Tennis Club, it was voted unanimously that the United States Polo Association would serve as the governing organization of the indoor and outdoor games.

Also, it was announced that the exist-

ing officers of the United States Polo Association had been elected to head the new association. They are Devereux Milburn, Jr., New York, Chairman; George C. Sherman, Jr., New York, Vice-Chairman, and Henry Lewis, 3rd, New York, Secretary-Treasurer.

Milburn had been Chairman of the United States Polo Association for the past four years and Lewis Secretary-Treasurer for the same number of years. Sherman, who had been President of the Indoor Polo Association since 1947, was Secretary-Treasurer of the outdoor body from 1946 to 1950 and a member of the Board of Governors until 1953, when he was named Vice-Chairman.

Despite the fact that one association will rule, the structure of the outdoor and indoor associations remains. Milburn pointed out that separate handicap ratings for outdoor and arena players will continue to be issued yearly. Also, the Chairman stated, separate committees will aid in the conduct of the indoor and outdoor seasons.

Milburn said that a chief reason motivating the forming of one body to supervise the sport was the expansion of polo into many areas throughout the country and Hawaii and the emergence of "arena" polo, once termed indoor-outdoor polo.

This year will be the sixty-fifth anniversary of the United States Polo Association. The Indoor Polo Association

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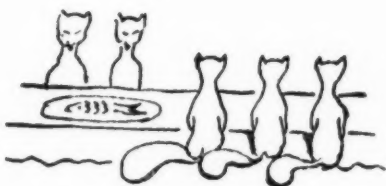
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## Uncle Reynard's Recipes

**Morris Parris**

In the snow and wet of this month what could be better after the run than Chicken Gumbo:

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- 1 large fowl. Cut it in pieces.
- Salt, pepper and flour for dredging.
- Some salt pork cut in small pieces.
- 1/2 an onion chopped fine.
- A sprig of parsley.
- 4 cups of sliced okra; either frozen or canned.
- 1/4 red pepper chopped fine.
- 1 1/2 cups of tomatoes (canned will do).
- 3 cups of boiling water.
- 1 cup of boiled rice.

Sprinkle the chicken with the salt and pepper and the dredging flour. Saute in the pork fat. Remove the chicken. Fry onion in the remaining fat in the pan, add okra, parsley, and red pepper. Cook slowly for fifteen minutes. Put the chicken in a large pot and add all the ingredients including the water and 1 1/2 teaspoons of salt. Before putting the chicken in the pot be sure and remove the skin. Cook slowly until the chicken is tender and the bones will come out. Remove as many as you can. Have the rice cooked and kept hot in the collender. Don't over-cook the rice. 12 minutes is ample. Just before serving add the rice. Both chicken mixture and rice can be kept hot indefinitely. Serve from a large soup tureen. It's very good with toasted English muffins. Be sure your plates are deep, as this is a type of thick soup. This quantity will do for eight.

## Polo Merger

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of America was founded back in 1915.

Newcomers elected to the Board of Governors at the meeting were: Bert Beveridge, Detroit; James F. McHugh, Wilmington, Delaware; L. C. Smith, San Francisco; A. B. Wharton, Jr., Texas, and Claude Lambe, Wichita, Kansas.

Other members of the Board of Governors include: Philip Iglehart, Westbury, Long Island; Stewart B. Iglehart, Delray Beach, Florida; Philip H. Brady, New York; Walter Devereux, Rye New York, President of the National Horse Show; Charles H. Jackson, Jr., Santa Barbara, California; Paul Butler, Hinsdale, Illinois; and Zenas C. Colt, Pittsfield, Mass.

## Squadron A. Paced By Phil Brady Wallops New York A. C., 18-6

The Meadow Brook Blues halted the Long Island Rough Riders, 11 to 10, and Squadron A walloped the New York A. C., 18 to 16, as the weekly polo double-headers were resumed Saturday night, Jan. 8, at New York's Squadron A Armory. Play had been suspended for two Saturdays because of the holidays.

Squadron A, paced by Phil Brady's nine goals, got twelve of its markers in the second half after leading by 6-2 at intermission. Brady rode with the Rizzo brothers, Vince and Joe. Vince hit five of his team's tallies and Joe made four in a match which saw Squadron A outplay the Winged Footers from the outset.

The New York A. C. trio, with Arthur Mason, Zenas Colt and Peter Packard, could do little against the superior team play of Squadron A. The victors came up with a big third chukker, registering seven goals. In the fourth period Squadron A hit five markers. Mason made four of the NYAC goals.

In the Meadow Brook-Rough Riders engagement, the competition was a more even affair. In this match, the winners gave the Rough Riders a three-goal allowance. At half-time, the count was knotted at 6-all.

Dave Ellis, former Princeton polo captain was Meadow Brook's big gun. The Blues' No. 1 rider hit six goals, while Henry Lewis stroked four and Phil Iglehart got one. Herb Pennell, riding with Bill Crawford and Randy Crawford at the outset, scored four times for the Rough Riders.

Archie Young replaced Bill Crawford in the fourth chukker.

### Lineups

#### Squadron A N. Y. A. C.

1. V. Rizzo 1. A. Mason

2. P. Brady 2. Z. Colt

Back—J. Rizzo 3. P. Packard

Squadron A—3 3 7 5—18

N. Y. A. C.—1 1 3 1—6

Goals—Brady 9, V. Rizzo 5, J. Rizzo 4;

Mason 4, Colt, by handicap 1. Referee—

John Rice.

#### Meadow Brook Rough Riders

1. D. Ellis 1. B. Crawford

2. P. Iglehart 2. H. Pennell

Back—H. Lewis 3d 3. R. Crawford

Meadow Brook—3 3 1 4—11

Rough Riders—5 1 1 3—10

Goals—Ellis 6, Lewis 4, Iglehart; Pen-

nell 4, R. Crawford 2, Young, by handi-

cap 3. Substitute—Rough Riders: Archie

Young for B. Crawford. Referee—L. T.

Whitehead, Jr.

## Indoor Polo Ushers In New Year At Tucson

A four-chukker indoor polo match was played on New Year's day at Tucson, Arizona, between Stanford University and the Pima County Polo Club of Tucson. The game ended 11-7 in Stanford's favor.

It was exciting play, however, for at the end of the third chukker both teams were tied up 6-6. Then Stanford surged ahead with some clever playing.

Bill Sinclair, Colorado rancher, played with Stanford regulars Tony Mills and Dave Duff. Juan Reynal captain of the Stanford team, had to go back to California after the end of the polo tournament held at Tucson the preceding week.

Players for the P. C. P. C. were John Donaldson, James S. Douglas and John K. Goodman.

The next day, January 2, the Pima Club played a Phoenix, Arizona, polo team and won by a score of 9-5. The same players that competed against Stanford played for P. C. P. C.

## Letters To The Editor

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their excellent work in training hounds and other duties as a Master must not be forgotten.

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## "Drag Hunt"

Dear Sir:

Just read in The Chronicle Dan Dailey's letter to the West Hills Hunt Club members about our Thanksgiving Day hunt.

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In 1920 when Harry Nicholas was Master, he asked me to act as Master of the drag pack. He let me have six couple of hounds and with the able help of Ned Voss and MacPherson Kennedy, who were my whips, we had two great seasons.

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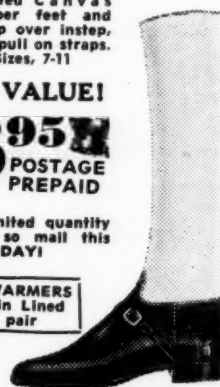
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- 1 THE SINGING TOWER, \$10,000 added. 2-year-olds, fillies. 3 furlongs, straightaway. By subscription of \$50 each to accompany nomination. **Gulfstream Park**. To be run March 30.
- 1 THE GULFSTREAM PARK JUVENILE STAKES, \$10,000 added. 2-year-old. 4½ furlongs. By subscription of \$50 each to accompany nomination. **Gulfstream Park**. To be run April 5.
- 2 THE DEBUTANTE STAKES, \$5,000 added. 2-year-olds, fillies. ¼ mile. By subscription of \$25 each to accompany nomination. **Fair Grounds**. To be run February 9.
- 2 THE DUNCAN F. KENNER STAKES, \$5,000 added. 2-year-olds, colts and geldings. ¼ mile. By subscription of \$25 each to accompany nomination. **Fair Grounds**. To be run February 12.

## January

## 3-year-olds

- 29 THE EVERGLADES, \$25,000 added. 3-year-olds (foals of 1952). 1½ miles. By subscription of \$50 each to accompany nomination. **Hialeah**. To be run February 12.
- 29 THE SANTA YNEZ STAKES, \$20,000 added. 3-year-olds, fillies. 7 furlongs. By subscription of \$50 each to accompany nomination. **Santa Anita**. To be run February 9.

## February

## 3-year-olds

- 1 THE HUTCHESON HANDICAP, \$10,000 added. 3-year-olds. 6½ furlongs. Donn Course. By subscription of \$50 each to accompany nomination. **Gulfstream Park**. To be run March 9.
- 1 THE FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH HANDICAP, \$15,000 added. 3-year-olds. 1½ miles. By subscription of \$50 each to accompany nomination. **Gulfstream Park**. To be run March 16.
- 1 THE FLORIDA DERBY, \$100,000 guaranteed to winner. 3-year-olds. 1½ miles. By subscription of \$250 each to accompany nomination. **Gulfstream Park**. To be run March 26.

## January

## 3-year-olds and up

- 29 SAN ANTONIO HANDICAP, \$50,000 added. 3-year-olds and up. 1½ miles. By subscription of \$100 each to accompany nomination. **Santa Anita**. To be run February 12.

## February

- 1 THE ARMED HANDICAP, \$10,000 added. 3-year-olds and up. 6 furlongs. By subscription of \$50 each to accompany nomination. **Gulfstream Park**. To be run March 4.
- 1 THE MAGIC CITY HANDICAP, \$10,000 added. 3-year-olds and up. 1 mile and 70 yards. By subscription of \$50 each to accompany nomination. **Gulfstream Park**. To be run March 5.
- 1 THE APPLETON HANDICAP, \$15,000 added. 3-year-olds and up. 1½ miles. By subscription of \$50 each to

accompany nomination. **Gulfstream Park**. To be run March 12.

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- 2 THE BOUGAINVILLEA TURF HANDICAP, \$25,000 added. 3-year-olds and up. 1 3/16 miles, turf. By subscription of \$50 each to accompany nomination. **Hialeah**. To be run February 16.

## January

## 4-year-olds and up

- 29 SAN LUIS REY HANDICAP, \$25,000 added. 4-year-olds and up. 1½ miles, turf. By subscription of \$50 each to accompany nomination. **Santa Anita**. To be run February 12.

## February

## 3-year-olds and up

- 5 THE LE COMPTE HANDICAP, \$10,000 added. 3-year-olds and up. 1½ miles. By subscription of \$25 each to accompany nomination. **Fair Grounds**. To be run February 19.
- 5 COLUMBIA, \$15,000 added. 3-year-olds and up, fillies and mares. 7 furlongs. By subscription of \$25 each to accompany nomination. **Hialeah**. To be run February 22.

## TRACK ADDRESSES

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## "Distaff Big Three"

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## Year-End Statistics

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## Racecourse Improvements

To date over £800,000 has been spent in co-operation with racecourse executives on improvements of tracks and buildings. Ambulance rooms and veterinary boxes have been provided at all courses, with a couple of exceptions where work is in progress. Schemes for further improvements to plant are being under taken at the Curragh, Dundalk, Gowran Park, Phoenix Park, Killarney, Punchestown, Clonmel, Limerick Junction and Mullingar.

—Phil de Burgh-O'Brien

## Dampierre Horns

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same sad, metallic tunes with which the forest had echoed earlier in the day. First the *Vue*, then *La Tete de l'animal*, proclaiming the number of points on the antlers, followed by the *Hallali sur pied* or Stag at Bay, the *Hallali par terre* representing the death, and lastly, the wild *Hallali, mes chiens*—urging hounds to bay on and on in triumph.

It is said that the word *Hallali* derives from the Arabic *Halla* for victory. If so, then surely the only real victory lies with the stag. As gallantly as the aristocratic ancestors of his pursuers had once faced the guillotine, he died that day like a gentleman, indifferent to his fate, scornfully serene up to the end, defying man to rob him of his majesty.



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**BAILY'S HUNTING DIRECTORY 1954-1955 With Diary and Hunt Maps, Published by Vinton & Company, Ltd., Stratford Place, London, W. 1., England, 25/.**

BAILY'S HUNTING DIRECTORY 1954-1955 is a beautifully gotten up, interesting and useful reference book on Hunting. Primarily, of course, it is intended for the Foxhunter in Great Britain, giving very complete information of all the Hunts in the British Isles, as well as complete information on Hunt Races, Hounds Shows and all other activities connected with Foxhunting there.

In Britain there are 237 packs of Foxhounds, 57 of Harriers, 8 of Stag hounds, 10 of Draghounds, 72 of Foot Harriers and Beagles, 2 of Basset and 16 of Otter Hounds. All these are carefully indexed with page numbers, while Masters, Honorary Secretaries, Honorary Huntsmen and Whipper-in and Hunt Servants are separately indexed. Similarly recorded are 104 packs, all under the auspices of the Masters of Foxhounds Association of America and 15 controlled by the American Masters of Beagles Association.

Thus for any hunt in these sections there can be ascertained in a moment the Location and Characteristics of that country, the Staff, Kennels and Railway Station, types of horse required, days of Meet, description, distinctive dress and a brief history.

Awards at the top Hound Shows in the United States as well as in the United Kingdom and the critical reports of specialist writers continue to focus attention on the importance of hound breeding. Today emphasis is on breeding hounds for the work they have to perform rather than merely for fashion.

Included are three excellent Hunt maps showing the Hunting Countries and their boundaries for Scotland and Northern England, Southern England, and Wales and for Ireland. These undoubtedly are not only useful to anyone hunting in those countries but must be also of great value for reference in connection with "Adjacent Hunt Races" in Hunt Point-to-Point Steeplechases in Great Britain.

"Baily's" is thus not only "the hunting man's bible", but also is a constant reference book for data on Hunt Steeplechases, Form, Results and Revised Regulations.

Not the least interesting part of this volume to me is the section devoted to advertisements. I found immediately, the addresses of two Hunting tailors I had been wanting and enjoyed reading the notices of several new English hunting books.

Anyone contemplating a Hunting Tour out of their own country either abroad or at home, should most certainly study BAILY'S HUNTING DIRECTORY.

—E. B. C.

**Letters to a Young Beagler by H. C. Pyper. Published by J. A. Allen & Co., London, S. W. 1, England. Price—6 shillings.**

The above is a charming little book full of pertinent information on the hunting of Hare by Beagles. My eleven-year old son, for instance, who has hunted the cottontail often with the Red Devils, read it in ten minutes whereas it took me fifteen. I was much impressed by the chapter on scent and the difficulties of having small boys in the field. Three times now the Sir-Sister has entertained various Pony Clubs, and I am not so sure I love all ten-year-olds.

Mr. Pyper, the author, is also extremely interesting and clear on getting to know one's hounds and having a good time chatting with them. He also brings out the importance of silence among the field instead of all holloaing the hare.

Any Beagler should read and enjoy this little masterpiece.

—Jane E. Dane

## Racing Review

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### Tropical Park

**The Tropical Handicap, 14th running.** 1½ miles, 3-year-olds and up (January 15). Handicapper Francis P. Dunne got another of his bunched up finishes in the Tropical and he will have to bring in some kind of a dead-heat to beat this one.

The margins from the first horse to the seventh were: head, neck, neck, three-quarters of a length, neck, three-quarters of a length. It all adds up to about two lengths.

Mr. Dunne has a reputation for being something of a raconteur, and this is one to tell the boys during the warm summer nights up north.

At the break, in the Tropical, Helianthus showed his nose first, but Sea O Erin was right with him after a jump or two and War Fable wasn't far away.

After half a mile, Scimitar came up and all the stops were pulled out from there on in. With three-eighths to go Scimitar led by a head, Helianthus was

second by a length over Capeador, while Sea O Erin and War Fable were fighting for place.

The duel between Scimitar and Helianthus continued to the wire, with Scimitar getting the nod. The \$28,750 winner's share gives in \$29,500 for 1955.

Impasse came with the wild rush that nearly always gets him part of the money but rarely the main part.

Capeador, bumped solidly early, was in third place for the last five-eighths of the race but was nipped near the finished by Impasse.

Gulf Stream, Maharajah and War Fable followed the leaders home.

Maharajah was the choice at 3.40 to 1.

Scimitar, a gray horse by The Sultan —Polly Hastings, by Peter Hastings, was making his third 1955 start. He was unplaced in the New Year's Handicap and finished third in the Robert E. Lee.

Last season, he raced 8 times and was second twice, earning \$2,700.

Owned by the Blue Stone Farm of Mr. W. Ellis Johnson, Scimitar is trained by W. A. Croll, Jr. Joe Culmone had the mount in the Tropical and rode at his very best.

F. B. Koontz bred Scimitar.

### Fair Grounds

**The Pontalba Handicap, 6 furlongs, 4-year-olds and up (January 15).** Mr. Joe W. Brown's Bobby Brocato eked out a neck victory over Marvin Affeld's Spur On in the Pontalba Handicap, covering the six furlongs in 1:11½.

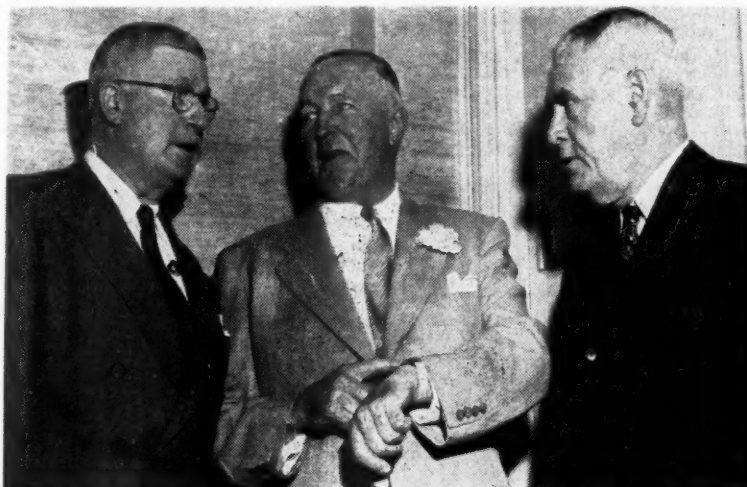
Carrying top weight of 118 pounds, Bobby Brocato worked his way through the field, collared Spur On midway through the stretch and outfinished that one in the drive.

The race was the first for Bobby Brocato since Thanksgiving Day, when he won a division of the Fair Grounds' inaugural feature.

By Natchez, out of Dorothy Brown, by Brown-King, Bobby Brocato won 4, was second in 2 and third in 5 of his 15 starts last year. He earned \$23,995.

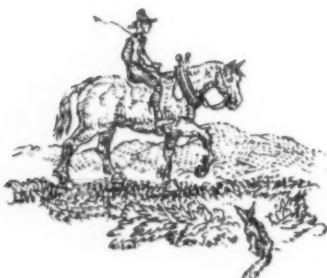
Bred by Mrs. J. W. Brown, the four-year-old colt is trained by J. B. Theall. R. Broussard, the hot kid at New Orleans, rode in the Pontalba.

Bobby Brocato, the man, is the son of Diamond Jim Moran, New Orleans restaurateur, and the colt is named in his honor.



At the U. S. Equestrian Team and American Horse Shows Association Meeting in San Francisco—(l. to r.)—Wilson Meyer, 1st Vice President of the Cow Palace Board of Directors, Amory L. Haskell, President of the United Hunts Racing Association, and Adrian Van Sinderen of the American Horse Shows Assn.

# In the Country



## HIGH WEIGHTS

Mrs. George P. Greenhalgh's Roman Patrol was given the Virginia Horsemen's Association award for the highest weighted colt on the Experimental Free Handicap. This award requires the breeder to register the colt/filly with the V. H. A. before March 31st of its yearling year.

Bought by Pin Oak Farm at the Saratoga Yearling Sales 1953 for \$18,000, Roman Patrol, (Roman—Korakal by Psychic Bid), was allotted 117 pounds on the Experimental. The award for the high weighted filly went to Brookmead Stables, Gandhova. (Olympia—Psychist by Psychic Bid).

## DELAWARE BIG THREE

It has been well said that the two buck better supplies most of the business at a racetrack. In return, major tracks give that average racegoer something extra to thrill to, something they cannot see any old day and which they'll remember and appreciate long after they have forgotten about the duce they dropped on some claiming race critter. Such a spectacle is Delaware Park offering its patrons this year.

Elsewhere, championships are decided among the two-year-olds, three-year-old Triple Crown participants and older male members of the handicap ranks. Delaware Park saw a gap to be filled, and did so by giving the nation's fillies and mares a long-deserved spot in the sun, much to the delight of the breeding industry. It began in 1953 when the New Castle Handicap, won by champion Grecian Queen, became the first \$100,000 race for the distaff division, at the classic mile and a quarter route. Now, in 1955, the Stanton track is exploiting the female side of the horse family beyond all precedent by carding the "Distaff Big Three", the Delaware Oaks (June 18)—the "new" New Castle (June 25) and the newly-named Delaware Handicap (July 2), which could build into a quarter-million-dollar jackpot for owners represented in the unique series.

The sequence of filly-and-mare stakes elsewhere fits into the championship picture culminating with the Distaff Big Three, and there appear to be more good fillies and mares around the country than in most past seasons.

In short, the distaff dish to be served up at Delaware should appease the appetite of any racing fan hungry for top thrills. The value, the distance, the place, the time of year—all are ideal for crowning a four-legged Miss America.

In the days immediately following

the entry of William duPont's Parlo in the New Castle and Delaware Handicaps 8 important nominations were received. Among them were: Mrs. Marie A. Moore's Mlle. Lorette, winner of the Gallorette Stakes; Walter J. Appel's Another World, winner Miss America Stakes; Brookfield Farm's I Salute; S. A. Peck's White Drift; W. J. Appel's Cool Stream; William P. Foley's Lady Blandford; Mrs. Moore's Gallamoud, half-sister to Mlle. Lorette; and G. W. Thompson's Mildred W.

## PRICES AND SIZES

In a recent advertisement of M. J. Knoud, New York City, concerning feed cookers for horses and hounds, The Chronicle omitted the complete price listing of these cookers. The prices are \$189.50 for the 20-gallon size and \$135. for the 5-gallon size.

## SWEET BRIAR RIDING CLINIC

Starting Thursday, February 3 until Sunday afternoon, February 6, The Sweet Briar College Riding Club will hold its 1955 Riding Clinic. The instructor and lecturer for the four day period will be the well known authority Captain Vladimir S. Littauer all interested horsemen are invited to attend.

Captain Littauer, the author of "Riding Forward," "Commonsense Horsemanship," and many other publications on riding, will work and demonstrate with Sweet Briar students on the betterment of their riding, and the schooling of individual horses to improve their particular problem, such as their movement, flexibility, jumping, etc.

On Saturday, guests from surrounding schools and colleges and other interested spectators will attend and there will be an informal lunch. For further information, please get in touch with Miss Harriet Rogers, Sweet Briar College, Sweet Briar, Virginia.

## MR. JOHN RYAN

By the death of Mr. John Ryan, Master of the Scarteen Black-and-Tan Hounds, on Thursday 16th. December, Ireland has lost one of her most noted amateur huntsmen.

Aged almost 84 years, he died at Scarteen and was buried on Saturday 18th. December in the family vault in Emily churchyard, where many generations of Ryans have been laid to rest.

He had been Master of the family pack since 1938 and was Joint Master with his son Mr. Thaddeus F. Ryan (Thady) since 1946.

A born houndsman, his black-and-tan were one of his most cherished possessions and few things gave him greater pleasure than to conduct interested visitors through his kennels and talk about the things that lay so close to his heart.

## BOOKS

EVERYTHING ON HUNTING  
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SYDNEY R. SMITH  
Canaan, New York

In the hunting-field, although black-and-tans can be mischievously independent at times, they always harkened instantly to the voice and horn of the man they loved and trusted.

Although John Ryan's black-and-tans hunted foxes and were classified in hunting directories under the heading of foxhounds, he disliked this term being applied to them and always referred to them as "black-and-tan hounds". While other masters favoured fashionable bloodlines and were keen to infuse into their kennels the strains of Peterborough Show aristocrats, John Ryan preferred the old bloodlines that have been in Ireland for generations, and he went to Clare and Kerry when he needed outcrosses for his kennels.

These outcrosses were made with hounds which Mr. Ryan considered to be good types of Kerry Beagles. They would be non-pedigree hounds from localities which abounded in trencher-fed packs. These packs are not housed in kennels; instead each farmer keeps a hound or two at his own home and all are collected on the morning of a hunt.

The Scarteen are supposed to be pure bred Kerry Beagles, if the term pure bred can be applied to animals whose pedigrees have never been strictly recorded in a Stud Book. The Uniformity of their type has been reasonably well preserved by generations of men who appreciated such outstanding qualities as great scenting powers, great drive and pace, remarkably deep throated tongue and incredible stamina. Though Kerry Beagles can be of any hound-colour the black-and-tan colour is probably the most highly prized by tradition. From time to time, various crosses have been introduced such as blood hounds, fox hounds, and some of the French breeds. But the overall success has survived in spite of these interferences.

The word Beagle when applied to these hounds can be unbelievably misleading. The modern Beagle measure only from 10 to 16 inches at the shoulder, whereas Kerry Beagles, of the type of the Scarteen black-and-tan hounds, can measure anything up to 26 inches, the general average being 17 to 23 inches.

The Scarteen is one of the oldest family packs in Ireland. It is reputed to have been in existence since the Treaty of Limerick, 1691. The hounds have always belonged to the Ryan family although from 1929 to 1938, they had four masterships or Joint-Masterships of varying lengths. These were held by five people who were not members of the Ryan family.

During one of these the traditional black hunting coat with its tan collar was laid aside in favour of the red coat. Luckily this breach of a very old tradition was short-lived, and since then hounds have been hunted in the old and more appropriate uniform.

Mr. John Ryan had some remarkable experiences during the 1914-18 war. One of these was when his sector of a trench was blown up and he was reported missing, presumed killed. Scarteen went into deep mourning, which was later luckily relieved by a telegram from a friendly German Officer, sent from a

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## This Week's Cover Photo Sir Francis Grant's "The Melton Breakfast"

Captain Frank Siltzer in his "Story of British Sporting Prints" has the following to say (pp. 126-128) about our cover picture and the artist who painted it:

"Sir Francis Grant, in his early period, painted some very important pictures of Meets of Hounds, and, in point of fact, the whole of his reputation at that time was based on these sporting scenes. Eventually, and after 1840, he concentrated upon portraiture.

"Born at Kilgraston in Perthshire, he was the fourth son of Francis Grant, and was educated at Harrow. His first exhibit at the Royal Academy was in 1834, when he sent up an equestrian portrait of Captain Vandeleur, and The Melton Hunt Breakfast. He was made President of the Royal Academy, and was knighted in 1866.

"Grant lived a good deal at Melton and was intimately connected with the place. Here he died, at his residence, The Lodge. His remains were offered the ultimate honour, a grave in St. Paul's Cathedral, as is the custom for all Presidents of the Royal Academy, but it was declined by the family, either from personal feeling or in deference to some expressed wish of the dead painter and he was buried at Melton Mowbray—the final link in the long chain of associations with the town.

"I have already expressed my opinion that the mezzotints after Grant, when in the early state, are very fine, and the one which impresses me most particularly is that of The Melton Hunt Breakfast, a pleasing picture which contains portraits of Lord Forester—the sportsman with his back to the fire—the Earl of Wilton, Count Matuszewicz, Lord Kinaird, Lord Rokeby, Lord Gardner, Sir Frederick Johnstone, Mr. Lyne Stephens, Mr. Errington, etc. Breakfast is just over, Sir Frederick Johnstone alone doing justice to the last cup of tea. Lord Rokeby is reading the "Herald," Lord Kinaird writing, while the Count, Lord Wilton, Mr. Massey Stanley and Lord Forester are engaged in what we may presume to be an interesting conversation. Shall it be sport or politics?

"It is a temptation to emphasize the connection of Grant with Melton, and to add a brief sketch of cheerful days in that merry centre. Lord Forester, the good-looking man at the fire, was born in 1801, and was one of the finest, neatest, and best riders of his day. Contemporary with Lord Chesterfield, Mr. Biddulph of Chirk, and Lord Clanricarde, who were all great hunting men, he hunted with them over Sir Thomas Mostyn's, the Duke of Beaufort's and the Duke of Grafton's countries. But to get back to Leicestershire! In 1830, Lord Forester became Master of the Belvoir and hunted that country in magnificent style for twenty-eight years. In the 'thirties and 'forties there was no lack of good fellows in the field in this shire; they had lots of fine horses, capable grooms to turn them out fit and smart, and also, an item which will make appeal to some people, including, and I am not ashamed to own it, myself, they had good cooks. So much for my Lord Forester!

"Mr. Gilmour, Lord Gardner, Count Bathyni, Lord Rosslyn and the Marquis of Waterford were all well known for their excellent and succulent cuisine, and the Old Club had a noted chef, who, in 1840, had already formed part and parcel of the establishment for sixteen years. The two principal inns of Melton were the George and the Harborough

Arms, and in these inns several of the notables had their private apartments for the hunting season; here again the culinary department was efficiently staffed, and the wines had a special reputation. These remarks apply equally to the Bell Inn at Leicester, which was also a resort for the elite.

"There was no tendency to any economy in the housekeeping; superabundance seems to have been the order of the day, and "Nimrod" tells a story of a Tweed salmon being removed from the table untasted, and that in the month of March! Sir Harry Goodricke told the same sporting writer that his and Mr. Holyoake's joint expenses were 1,600 (pounds) for the hunting season, quite apart from sums disbursed on his stud.

"Of course Melton offered one great advantage to those who could afford it. It was, and still is, possible to hunt from there six days in the week within easy distance. Sir James Musgrave one hundred and forty-two times in one season, and Lord Gardner one hundred and thirty-eight.

It took more than a stone wall 6 ft. in height to stop Lord Gardner; he had a good many falls, and always wore a stout velvet cap to protect his head. Expert in the hunting-field as he was, however, this was not his only forte, for he wrote very presentable verse in the style of the day, his "Ode to Hygeia," published in the "Keepsake," drawing special commendation.

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field post office, near Werwick, Germany, addressed to Mrs. Ryan. It said simply, "Mr. Ryan is taken prisoner, but quite well, unwounded. A German Officer".

The late Mr. Ryan, is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ryan and by his son Thady, and his daughters Jean and Gwenda. Thady has been Joint-Master since 1946, and the two daughters were formally honorary whippers-in, and at one time constituted a complete family Hunt Staff. Jean, is now Mrs. Claud Thompson of Cashel, Co. Tipperary, and Gwenda, is now Mrs. Ernest Pearson, Barn Hill, Thurston, Bury St. Edmunds, England and she is Joint-Master of the Suffolk Foxhounds with her husband, Major E. Pearson. —Stanislaus Lynch

## COL. THOMSON TO NASHVILLE

Of the three internationally known horsemen who judged Sept. 4-6 at the Olympic Three-Day trials, at Nashville, Tenn., one Col. Earl F. Thomson, liked it so well that he has bought a home there.

Retired from the United States army on Sept. 1 Colonel Thomson was free to live anywhere. After the trials he and Mrs. Thomson went to what was then home, at Angola, Ind. At the time they returned to Nashville for Colonel Thomson to judge the hunter trials at Percy Warner park, they house hunted and left owning 5215 Franklin Road. On December 1, the Thomsons took possession and started moving in their possessions from Fort Riley, Kansas. Their horses will come later.

Earl F. Thomson is the only U. S. rider to have taken part in three Olympic games. He was on the 1932 team trained by the great Gen. Harry D. Chamberlin, then a major. That year the games were in Los Angeles. The United States won the Three-Day-Event and Lieut. Thomson, as he then was, ranked second individually.

In 1936 at the games in Berlin Capt. Thomson again ranked second, though

his team did not place near the top. In 1948 the 14th Olympiad was in London. Col. Thomson captained and trained the United States team which won the Three-Day-Event.

Col. Thomson really participated significantly in the equestrian events of four Olympics for he judged the Prize of Nations jumping at the 1952 games in Helsinki.

In 1946 riders and horses were selected and schooled for European competition. In '47 riders numbering nine and about 30 horses crossed the Atlantic for more training and competition before the Olympics. After the games they stayed on, their captain picking different riders and horses for dressage, jumping, etc.

This was the last United States military equestrian team and it passed from the scene in a blaze of glory. It won nine of 11 military classes and the gold cup at the big Lucerne show. At White City, London, the U. S. team won five events to two each taken by the British and Spanish. At Dublin Col. Thomson's team won all six military events. That was in August and the team was then disbanded.

A member of the famous 1948 team was major (then Captain) Jonathan R. Burton who has done so much for better horsemanship around Nashville.

Asked what was the best horse he ever rode, Col. Thomson replied without a moment's hesitation, "Jenny Camp, a game and wonderful little mare with legs of iron. She never took a lame step."

Jenny Camp, Col. Thomson's mount in the Three-Day-Events of 1932 and 1936, was a near Thoroughbred descendant of Iroquois. She was by Gordon Russell, son of imported Marchmont 2nd and Tokalon by Tammany. Tammany, by Iroquois-Tullahoma, Belle Meade-bred was champion 3-year-old of 1892. Gordon Russell was the king of three-day and jumping horse sires.

Besides Europe and the Olympics, Col. Thomson's riding has included polo, flat and steeplechase races, horse shows, and instructing. From 1928 off and on until 1940, he was senior instructor in horsemanship at Fort Riley. His own equestrian education was acquired there under the fabulous Chamberlin and at West Point.

From 1948-1952 Col. Thomson was U. S. commissioner for the U. S. Military Security Board in Germany. Since then he has had charge of the "Aggressor Cadre" at Fort Riley. —M. L. W.

## OUT OF NAVY

Norman Brinker, ex U. S. E. T. alternate at Helsinki and more recently on the U. S. Pentathlon Team at the games in Hungary, is now out of the Navy. Mr. Brinker will enter college in California and devote as much spare time as he can to showing horses. —The Westerner

## MRS. ELLEN NICHOLS

Mrs. Ellen Nichols, who was well-known in horse show circles in the Virginia-Maryland area as a supplier of horse show prize ribbons, died recently from a heart attack. Mrs. Nichols was visiting in Jacksonville, Florida at the time of her death.

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